



Arts and Culture Awards honor Chickasaws, art

ADA, Okla. - Oklahoma City's first female surgeon, a Chickasaw artisan, tribal historians and Southeastern artists were honored at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards ceremony Sept. 29 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

Pediatric and general surgeon Teresa M. Shavney, M.D. was named the 2009 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year.

Governor Bill Anoatubby presented the award.

"Dr. Shavney is an excellent example of what Chickasaw

people can accomplish," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She uses her talents and abilities to blaze trails for women in her field while contributing to her community and remaining an involved and compassionate mother and wife."

Dr. Shavney has been named one of America's top surgeons by The Consumer Research Council of America. She has served as president of the Oklahoma Medical Women's Association, the Oklahoma City Surgi-

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The Chickasaw Miko, Skunk, Bird, Raccoon and Squirrel, all costumes for the upcoming performance of Lowak Shoppala' (Fire and Light). The representations will be an integral part of the performance, which utilizes music, dance and storytelling to share the history and heritage of Chickasaw people. Lowak Shoppala' will premiere Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 at the Hallie Brown Ford Performing Arts Theater on the East Central University campus in Ada. From left are Chickasaw men Kevin Wisdom, Jeremy Wallace, Daniel Walker, Nathan Turtle and Lennie Carney.

Marcy Gray

Lowak Shoppala' to premiere Nov. 21 at new Arts Theatre

ADA, Okla. - Lowak Shoppala' (Fire and Light) will premiere Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 at the Hallie Brown Performing Arts Theater on the East Central University Campus in Ada.

Commissioned by the American Composers Forum Continental Harmony Project, the new work by Chickasaw Composer Jerod Tate utilizes music, dance and storytelling to delve

into the history and heritage of the Chickasaw people.

Award-winning Chickasaw author and Pulitzer Prize Finalist Linda Hogan wrote the narrative for the production.

"There's so many tellings of our history. Right now I'm looking through archeology, anthropology, even paleobotany - everything involving Chickasaws - and finding there are so

many conflicting things. None of the histories fit together," said Ms. Hogan, who added that the production tells Chickasaw history from a Chickasaw perspective.

"What we did is pretty basic, getting down to the basics, which is our history from the beginning through the chang-

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2010 Royalty crowned



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel with 2009-2010 Chickasaw Princess Jessie Miller, Chickasaw Junior Princess Alexis Walker and Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John. The new royalty were crowned during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Sept. 28 in Ada. See story on page 18.

Marcy Gray



Chickasaw Princess Pageant Royalty Crowned 18.

Little Miss Chickasaw contestant, Cheyanne Arkansas, of Tishomingo, Okla.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel honor tribal citizens Jerry Underwood and Dr. Teresa Shavney Sept. 29 at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards. Mr. Underwood received the Silver Feather Award and Dr. Shavney was named the 2009 Dynamic Woman of the Year. Mike McKee

cal Society and the Oklahoma County Medical Society.

"Looking at my company, I'm certainly humbled and honored to receive this award," she said. "I am so proud to be Chickasaw."

Aside from her medical obligations, Dr. Shavney is also a committed and involved community member, church member, mother and wife.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Beaulah Shavney and the late Richard Shavney. She is the granddaughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Sylvia Gibson Pope.

"My mother and grandmother, two of the original Chickasaw dynamic women, had an extraordinary work ethic and dedication to their tribe and family, Dr. Shavney said.

"They certainly set the bar high for me."

Jerry Underwood, of Milburn, Okla., was the recipient of the Silver Feather Award for his efforts in preserving Chickasaw

heritage and culture.

Gov. Anoatubby said Mr. Underwood has shared "a wealth of knowledge" with others through the years.

"Jerry Underwood not only has an abundance of cultural information and experience, he has the wisdom to share that knowledge in a way that will make a difference for generations to come," said Gov. Anoatubby. "By helping to preserve our culture, he makes us richer as a people."

Mr. Underwood is a talented artist skilled in beadwork, mocasin making, wood carving and silver smithing. For years, he has been a regular fixture at Chickasaw Nation events and senior centers, sharing his talent and teaching others.

"Not only am I thankful for this award," said Mr. Underwood, "I greatly appreciate the programs and services offered by the Chickasaw Nation that allow me to go out and work with our people."

Mr. Underwood serves on the Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council. Last year, an exhibit dedicated to Mr. Underwood was unveiled at the Council House Museum in Tishomingo, Okla.

During the ceremony, Mr. Marvin Burcham, of Brandon, Miss., donated a collection of more than 190 ancient chipped-stone tool items to the Chickasaw Nation.

The artifacts were uncovered throughout the Chickasaw homelands near Alcorn County, Mississippi over a period of more than 50 years. The collection, to be displayed at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, includes an example of every

type of chipped-stone tool used by the Chickasaw people.

Dr. Daniel F. Littlefield, Amanda L. Paige and Fuller L. Bumpers received the Holisso Award for Best Unpublished Manuscript for "Chickasaw Removal."

Awards were also presented to winners of the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEA-SAM).

The top winners in each category were:

- Best in Show - "Beloved Woman of the Cherokee," an oil painting by Sharon Irla.

- Best in Division - 2-D-"Not a Designated Centennial Project," mixed media by Brent Greenwood.

- Best in Division - 3-D-"Nacadoches," Pottery by Jeri Redcorn.

- Best in Division - Cultural - "Beaded Deer Hide Vest" by Wayne Walker.

The show was open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes. Artists, who were juried into the market by a panel of judges, were also able to enter the art show to compete for a number of cash awards.

The Chickasaw Press announced the release of three new titles: "Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art," a biography of the internationally acclaimed Potawatomi artist, musician and dancer by Robert Perry; "Chickasaw Lives, Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories," by Richard Green and "A Nation in Transition: Douglas Henry Johnston and the Chickasaws, 1898-1939," chronicling the life of an important Chickasaw leader.

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es into the present," she said. "One of the things I think it does is show the breakings of our history and the ways we've put ourselves back together each time after we have been broken."

Award-winning Chickasaw weaver Margaret Roach-Wheeler is designing the costume and sets. Ms. Roach-Wheeler recently won the President's award at Red Earth and the Purchase Award at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis for the Feather Cape and Kilt she designed for the program.

Ms. Roach-Wheeler said that she has spent two years researching designing and mak-

ing very detailed and authentic costumes for the production.

As part of her research, Ms. Roach-Wheeler visited the Spiro Mounds and other mound sites in the Chickasaw homeland.

"When I was making the costumes, I was thinking primitive, pre-contact," she said. "The designs are very old."

Lowak Shoppala' will include music performed by the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, comprised of the most advanced high school musicians in the state. Dr. John Clinton, Dean of the College of Arts Media and Design at the University of Central Oklahoma, conducts the orchestra.

The Chickasaw Children's Choir, Chickasaw Hymn Singers and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe will also take part in the performance.

More information about the premiere will be included in future issues of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation Web Site www.chickasaw.net.

There is no charge for the performance, but tickets are required.

For more information, or to order tickets, call 580-272-5520.

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What government provides citizen services without taxation?

The Chickasaw Nation is one of 563 tribes in the United States recognized by the federal government. These tribes were established in this region of North America prior to European contact, and each had a historic and functioning government in place.

The existence of our tribal government prior to the contact with the Europeans defined the Chickasaw Nation as a sovereign entity. As a sovereign nation, the Chickasaw held, and continues to hold, the controlling authority for its government and its people. The subsequent imposition of U.S. federal sovereignty created a unique relationship that remains to this day.

As a sovereign government, we exist to serve the Chickasaw people. As any government should do, the Chickasaw Nation is responsive to its citizenry and seeks to implement programs and services that are of benefit to the people.

The U.S. government is also present to serve its people. The federal government is obviously much larger than the Chickasaw Nation and expends trillions of dollars each year on programs and services.



**GOV. BILL
ANOATUBBY**

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

The U.S. funds its programs and services principally through income taxes levied on its citizens and the sale of debt to the investors of the world.

The income taxes can range from zero to almost 40 percent of annual income, depending on a citizen's income level. The debt is sold in the form of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and bonds, which are promises by the U.S. to pay back the debt to the investor, plus interest.

The Chickasaw Nation funds its essential programs and services without any taxes levied on its citizens. Chickasaws benefit from education, housing, transportation, health care, general assistance and many other programs without the requirement of contributing a portion of their income to the government.

We, as a government and as a people, are very unique in today's world as we fund many of our programs and services through the income we derive from our tribal businesses. Prior to our commercial endeavors – and successes – we were highly dependent on the federal funding we received for a few programs. In those days, we spent much time

and effort in budgeting, justifications and discussions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the dollars we were able to commit to programs and services.

Today, our total tribal funding has grown many-fold, and the vast majority of our funding is produced by our tribal businesses.

We have been able to initiate and fund a number of new and important programs for Chickasaws strictly with income from our tribal businesses. The results have been astounding.

More Chickasaws than ever are receiving bachelor's degrees, and advanced degrees. More Chickasaws have good homes, good jobs and great futures. More Chickasaw children benefit from a myriad of programs designed to build good and happy lives on a solid foundation.

It is very unique to have a government with so much to offer, all funded by the success of commercial operations. We are surely blessed to possess the ability to operate our historic tribal government – and its many programs – without taxes or any other citizen monetary contributions.

Our ancestors built their communities with teamwork and planning. They worked together to plan the defense of the community, the feeding and housing of its people, the caring of its children. We carry on those traditions today, in this modern era, with a dedication to innovation and hard work, and a commitment to the Chickasaw people.

19 future leaders graduate

Chickasaw Leadership students honored for commitment

The inaugural Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) class of 19 students was honored during Sept. 12 graduation ceremonies.

The Chickasaw students, ages 14-18, spent the past 12 months learning more about the Chickasaw Nation and learned vital life skills. The program represents an innovative effort to train future tribal leaders.

The program began in September 2008 with 33 qualified applicants, said Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator.

Students met one Saturday a month for 12 months and were required to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average and participate in fundraisers and service projects to remain in good standing with the program. The 19 students who graduated from the program fulfilled the requirements.

Monthly session topics included core values of the Chickasaw Nation, budgeting, business and professional etiquette, and leadership training.

Also during the year, the group volunteered at Red Earth, helped with the Chickasaw Nation Christmas Celebrations and traveled to the Choctaw and Cherokee tribal headquarters to learn about the organization of other tribes.

The final trip was an eight-day bus tour of Washington, D.C.

"I believe each of the students gained



Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) students recently completed the program and were honored at a graduation ceremony. The program, in its first year, helps develop future tribal leaders. From left, Chickasaw Nation Youth Specialists Kevin Tiger, Ashlee Palmer and Tonya Bierce, students Chance Brown, Laura Ash, Bridgette Bell, Jared Alexandar, Patricia Cornish, Desiree Lyon, Devin Lyon, Marlee Erwin, Morgan Hennigan, Kelsie Sweat, Caleb McDonald, Maegan Bridgman and Micah Hart. Not pictured are Leslie Wesberry, Codie Bolin, Patrick Ferris, Aaron John, Tana Alexander, and Nacobi Walker.

Mike McKee

something they can use the rest of their lives, Bierce said.

"We know we are going to be in good hands in the future."

As Bierce recognized the students, she commented on how each student contributed to the group with his or her personality and skills.

Senior students, who graduated high school in May, are Chance Brown, Kelsie

Sweat, Leslie Wesberry, Patricia Cornish, Codie Bolin and Patrick Ferris.

Other students completing the program include Marlee Erwin,, Micah Hart, Aaron John, Bridgette Bell, Maegan Bridgman, Laura Ash, Morgan Hennigan, Jared Alexandar, Desiree Lyon, Devin Lyon, Tana Alexander, Nacobi Walker, and Caleb McDonald.

Marlee said she was thankful to the

Chickasaw Nation for the opportunities offered as a Chickasaw citizen and through the program.

"Not every high school student gets to have these opportunities," she said.

Marlee said she planned to apply to be a part of the 2009-2010 Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program.

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Outstanding American award

Jay Keel to be honored by National Wrestling Hall of Fame

A Chickasaw Nation administrator will be recognized by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame this month.

Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services administrator, will be honored as an Outstanding American by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Mr. Keel, a Chickasaw, will be recognized during the groups' annual banquet Sunday, Oct. 11 in Midwest City, Okla.

Mr. Keel, of Ada, Okla., is the sole recipient of the state award.

He was selected for applying characteristics learned as a high school and collegiate wrestler to his life and career, said National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum Executive Director Lee Roy Smith.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this award," Mr. Keel said. "There are a ton of other people who deserve this."

The Outstanding American award demonstrates wrestling's pride in those who have used the disciplines of the sport to launch notable careers.

Mr. Keel has worked for 16 years establishing a tribal Youth and Family Services team, which now includes 150 employees. He has served as division administrator since 1995.

He also leads mission and humanitarian initiatives to Belize and Africa.

Mr. Keel was an Ada High School wrestler. He was conference champion as a senior and placed third in the 1976 Class 3A Oklahoma State Tournament.

After earning a scholarship to Haskell



Jay Keel

Indian Junior College (now Haskell Indian Nations University) in Lawrence, Kansas, his collegiate wrestling career was sidelined early due to a knee injury.

"I wrestled two matches and injured my knee," he said. "It was a humbling experience."

After college, Mr. Keel became an ordained minister.

"In my ministry, my family life and all of my work I continue to draw from the character and strength developed through participating in wrestling," he said.

He credits four individuals for his

success on and off the wrestling mat - his father, former coach John Strickland, former Ada church pastor Michael Catt, and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

He said his father instilled a great work ethic in him, and was one of his mentors.

"Coach Strickland gave me a second chance after I had quit wrestling," Mr. Keel said. "(Wrestling) helped me finish high school and impacted me for my lifetime in the fact that people need second chances."

After becoming a Christian at age 24, Mr. Keel joined Catt's church staff as a youth minister.

Catt mentored Mr. Keel in the early days of his youth ministry.

Mr. Keel also lists Gov. Anoatubby as a mentor.

"He asked me in 1993 to come and start (the division of) Youth and Family," Mr. Keel said. "He is one of my pillars and he believes in giving people a second and third chance in the tribe and in the state. It's hard not to make mistakes in life, and the mission of many of Youth and Family's programs are founded on offering second chances."

Mr. Keel said he still draws from the characteristics he developed as a wrestler.

"Whenever there's a challenge, I remember the stamina, disciple and drive it took to be a wrestler," he said. "You have to be disciplined to be a wrestler, and with life, to be successful."

Mr. Keel is one of seven contributors to the sport of wrestling who will be honored by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame during the event.

Six recipients will be inducted with Lifetime Service to Wrestling Awards, an honor given annually to coaches, officials and contributors who have given at least 20 years of service to wrestling, their communities and to the young people they have coached, taught and inspired.

Inductees include Edward Evey, A.L. Haizlip, Ellis Holt, Gene Knight, Kenny Ritchie and Larry Winnard.

The ceremony will be conducted at 4 p.m. in Midwest City at the Sheraton Midwest City Hotel at the Reed Conference Center.

Reservations are \$45 per person and can be purchased online at www.nwhof-ok.ticketleap.com, and are being accepted at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater.

For more information on the honorees or to purchase tickets for the banquet, contact Victoria Stuetgen at the NWHOF by phone at (405) 377-5243 or email at info@wrestlinghalloffame.org.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum is located at 405 West Hall of Fame Ave., Stillwater, Okla.

For more information about the Hall of Fame, log on to www.wrestlinghalloffame.org, or phone 405-377-5243.

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'Pearl' wins "Best of Show" at Indie Fest

The Chickasaw Nation has won a prestigious "Best of Show" award from The Indie Fest for the feature film "Pearl."

This true story of a Chickasaw girl from Oklahoma who became the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. in 1928 is the first feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the story of the Chickasaw aviatrix was a natural for the tribe's first feature-length film project.

"We made this film because it is important for people to understand the importance of Pearl's story," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Her story is about the importance of family and community as much as it is about her being the youngest pilot in the U.S."

"Pearl set an example in many ways. She was a dynamic individual who cared deeply about her service

and responsibility to others."

In winning an Indie, the Chickasaw Nation joins the ranks of other high-profile winners of this internationally respected award.

Thomas Baker, Ph.D., who chairs the Indie Fest, said "The Indie is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world. The Indie helps set the standard for craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptionally high quality of the entries. The goal of The Indie is to help winners receive the recognition they deserve."

"Pearl" focuses on the tumultuous teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, who was befriended by famous aviator Wiley Post in the late 1920s, and was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

First screened for at AFI International Film Festival in Dallas March 28 of this year, audience response

has been "extremely positive," said "Pearl" producer Dave Rennke.

"We hope this film will help people understand the spirit that pervades the Chickasaw Nation," said Rennke. "The motto of the tribe is unconquered and unconquerable and Pearl really personifies that."

"It is very satisfying to see how people relate to the issues in this film. It contains a universal message about the importance of family and community and the importance of pursuing your dreams."

"Pearl" will be screened at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at the International Cherokee Film Festival at the Cherokee Hard Rock Casino and Hotel in Tulsa.

It will be screened Oct 17, 18, 21 and 24 at the Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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'50 Making A Difference'

Robyn Elliott named Oklahoma Woman of the Year finalist

For the third consecutive year, Robyn Elliott will be honored as a finalist for Woman of the Year in Oklahoma.

Ms. Elliott, a Chickasaw and administrator of the tribe's Division of Communications, Media and Community Development, will be recognized as one of the *Journal Record's* 2009 "50 Making a Difference" during the Woman of the Year Gala Oct. 1 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

"Robyn is dedicated to serving the people of the Chickasaw Nation," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "She is an energetic difference maker in her tribe, her community and her state."

Each year hundreds of women across the state are nominated for the Woman of the Year Award. Fifty honorees are recognized at the event. The Woman of the Year will be announced during the program.

Ms. Elliott began her career with the Chickasaw Nation in 2002 as director of Public Affairs. She was appointed administrator of the newly created Division of Communications in 2004.



Robyn Elliott

Under her leadership, the division

was recently expanded and retitled the Division of Communications, Media and Community Development.

As division administrator, Ms. Elliott coordinates activities of several departments, including multimedia, media relations, special services, public affairs, McSwain Theatre and *the Chickasaw Times*.

She is currently overseeing plans for construction of the tribe's Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Okla.

"It is a great honor to be included with this group of incredibly accomplished women," said Ms. Elliott. "I really appreciate *the Journal Record* for their efforts to recognize women for their contributions to the state of Oklahoma."

Ms. Elliott earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from East Central University, where she was named Outstanding Marketing Student in 2001. She was also a Direct Marketing Institute National Award Recipient.

She is currently working on a master's degree in Psychology.

She is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Oklahoma.

Her many professional affiliations include membership in the Oklahoma Heritage Association, Lion's Club, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and the Oklahoma Academy Public Relations Society of America.

Ms. Elliott serves as a board member of Creative Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Women's Coalition, the Oklahoma Film and Music Commission, the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce, East Central University Alumni Association and Girls Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma Advisory Group.

She also participates in many civic organizations, including the Ada Arts Council, Arts District of Ada, Ada Jobs Foundation, and Youth Leadership Oklahoma.

Ms. Elliott and her husband, Wayne Scribner, live in Ada.

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'Mile Post 398' to show at the McSwain

ADA, Okla. - "Mile Post 398," will be the third film shown in the Holba' Kana'li (Moving Pictures) Film Series 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

Set in Kayenta, Arizona, "Mile Post 398" is a drama about a Navajo man, Cloyd, who decides to face his struggle with alcoholism and mend the broken relationships that his addiction has caused. Cloyd soon discovers how hard it is to face his demons and deal with the unrelenting peer pressure of his so-called friends.

Released in January 2007, "Mile Post 398" was directed by Shonie and Andee De Le Rosa. It features an all-Navajo cast and was shot entirely in Navajo country.

The film's credits include Best Drama and Screenplay in the 2007 Tulalip Film Festival and Best of the American Film Festival in 2008.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, the Holba' Kana'li Film Series intends to bring focus to Native American-made independent films.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or by visiting www.mcswaintheatre.com. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Second release of elder portraits, "I am Very Proud to be Chickasaw," set for October 8



Mike Larsen

Phase two of Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's Elders series will be on exhibit at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum in Oklahoma City beginning October 8, 2009 through March 26, 2010.

The second set of 24 paintings, "I am Very Proud to be Chickasaw," was created after an overwhelming response from the Chickasaw people to the first set, unveiled in November 2007 at the Oklahoma History Center.

Commissioned by the Chickasaw Nation in 2004, the first set, "They Know Who They Are," was intended to capture the tribe's elders on canvas.

Larsen and his wife, Martha, spent numerous hours interviewing and sketching each of the elders portrayed.

"We got to know them, to listen to their stories, listen to their history and go into their homes," Larsen said of the process.

"It's been the most incredible experience that Martha and I have had."

Featured elders and paintings are:

Juanita Tate

"She Knew My Father"

Kennedy Brown

"Indispensable"
Phillip Agnew
 "Sober Indian"
Gene Thompson
 "I'm so Proud to be Chickasaw"
Thelma "Chincie" L. Ross
 "Code Talkers"
Mable Edna Smith
 "She Whispered"
Bernard Courtney
 "Water Bread and Water Gravy"
John Atkins
 "Infant Boy Atkins"
Daisy Blackbird
 "Our Oldest Citizen"
Marvin Mitchell
 "Proud of his Sons"
Colbert Hackler
 "The Fiddle Player"
Lenora Hobbs
 "Elegant"
Weldon Fulsom
 "How Turtle got its Shell"
Irene Digby
 "Cherished One"
Glenda Galvan
 "Patron Saint of Children"
Luther John
 "Keeper of History"
Bob Wooley
 "The Cattleman"
Beulah Shavney
 "She Served Her Country"
Lorena Wooley
 "Chilocco"

The Milligan Siblings
 "Days of Hoover Hogs"
Zane Browning
 "Too Tall"
Beatrice Barrick
 "The Milkyway Girl"
Charles Blackwell
 "Mr. Ambassador"
Catherine McGuire
 "Memories of My Dad"

Larsen's artwork is a familiar sight in Oklahoma. "Flight of Spirit," a 26-foot mural of five world-famous Native American ballerinas adorning the Oklahoma State Capitol Rotunda is one of his most recognizable works.

Also hanging in the State Capitol is his breathtaking landscape featuring the sun-drenched Cimarron River, which was chosen in 2006 as the image for Oklahoma's Centennial postage stamp.

Larsen has also been commissioned by the Oklahoma Art Institute, the University of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City Civic Music Hall to create art for their venues.

The Gaylord Pickens Museum is located at 1400 N. Classen in Oklahoma City. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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'Sneak peek' reveals quality of our new hotel

Hi Everyone!
I hope by the time you are reading this you have attended and returned safely home our wonderful, splendid homecoming, the Annual Chickasaw Festival. Added to the extravaganza this year is the preview of the Cultural Center at Sulphur. This is a wonderland all by itself!

We were given a "sneak peek" at our new hotel the other day. An event was held for the press and local chambers of commerce. The official grand opening will be at a later date but I can tell you it is a magnificent hotel with every possible amenity including fabulous food in its highly rated restaurant. The main chef is from New York and the area where the casino is located most certainly has never seen the likes before! If you have the opportunity to see it, or even better – stay there, be sure to take advantage. You will be made to feel very special with its luxury! There are 395 guest rooms.

If you have been reading the newspapers you will know we are going to be buying the racetrack located at Oklahoma City, Remington Park. This will give us a new direction in the business arena and we have the knowledge and skills available to be successful at this venture. Also, who does not

appreciate the beauty of a thoroughbred racehorse! And the same is true for the quarter horses who will be running there, I think.

I am finishing my fourth year as Chairperson of the Tribal Legislature. We are elected one year at a time by our peers to serve in this capacity with a two-year limit to each stint. I served two years as Chair, then two years as Secretary (a position equivalent to a vice-chair) and then another two years as Chair. It is a great honor and a challenging position. I am wishing well to the new chair who will be elected at the regular October meeting and most humbled and appreciative to my fellow legislators for having given me the opportunity for the experience.

Winter is trying to move into the Nation here in Southern Oklahoma and we are a little shocked to wake up to temperatures in the 40's after the blistering heat of summer. If winter has found you, then stay cozy and may God take care of you through the storms.

Linda Briggs

Court Advocate services now available for tribal citizens

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

State Native American Caucus important

Representative of House District 42, Lisa J. Billy, was the guest speaker last month for the Purcell Chickasaw Community Council. Representative Billy is a former Legislator of the Chickasaw Nation and is currently in her fifth year at the Capitol. Lisa spoke on several of her experiences as a Representative. One of the most interesting topics was the formation and continuance of the Native American Caucus at the state Capitol of Oklahoma. She saw the importance and need for Native American representation and input at this level of government. The caucus has continued to grow in number and have a positive impact on State Legislation. Rep. Billy is willing to assist the Native American community and insure that our needs are recognized.

Over the past few months the Chickasaw Community Council in the Northern Pontotoc District has had Chief Justice, Barbara Smith as their guest speakers. Chief Justice Smith has been teaching on sovereignty and how it applies to Native Americans. Due to such interest, Judge Smith will be presenting a series of lectures titled, Hidden Heritage. If you would be interested in attending, please contact Tom Griffith, chairman of the Council.

I was excited to see so many of you at this year's Annual Festival. It is always good to fellowship, renew old acquaintances and make new friends!

Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Psalm 63:8
Beth Alexander
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Members of the Purcell Chickasaw Community Council meet with State Rep. Lisa J. Billy. From left, Betty Kemp, Mary and Katy Shackelford and Rep. Billy.

Assisted living benefit open to qualified elders

Hello Everyone,
As we move into the fall and begin to experience the cooler temperatures, the changing colors of the leaves, and all the wonders of the harvest season, we also begin to think about preparations for winter.

Just like seasons changed, our lives change. Recently, for me, the cycle of the changing seasons has been illustrated as a friend assisted an elder family member in transitioning from her home to an assisted living facility.

"Elder," in current Chickasaw culture, is defined as being 60-years-of age or older. Sixty hardly seems old enough to warrant designation as an elder, but it is probably a good time to consider the next phase in life.

For most of us, we will likely need assistance at the end of our lives, much as we did at the beginning of our lives. As we prepare for our "elder" seasons, it is important to include as much dignity and independence as possible in our plans.

One of the resources that we, as Chickasaws, have is the Assisted Living Benefit Program. The program provides assisted living benefits to qualified individuals. The benefit is paid directly to an assisted living facility of your choice. To be

eligible for this program, you must be Chickasaw, 60 years of age or older and provide a citizenship card and proof of income.

For more information, you can email Brenda Hughes at Brenda.hughes@chickasaw.net or you can call her at (580) 795-9790. Applications for assistance are available at 212 West Lillie Blvd., Madill, OK 73446.

As you and your family experience all the seasons of life, remember that it is good to be Chickasaw and remember to avail yourselves of the resources of the Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,
Katie Case

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!



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ALEXANDER**

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**KATIE
CASE**

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New medical facility now about 85% complete

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! Here we are at the first of a new fiscal year. It seems that the days just fly by any more!

At the first meeting of every fiscal year in October, the Legislature elects a new Chairperson and Secretary and appoints, or re-appoints, a Recording Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms. A new Chairperson sometimes selects new Committee Chairs, and I expect that to be the case this year. Therefore, I may no longer be the Committee Chair of the Health



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Care Committee for Fiscal Year 2010. In any case, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation for the several years I have spent at Committee Chair. I sincerely appreciate the support of my fellow Legislators and especially the Chickasaw citizens that I have been able to assist either directly or indirectly. I pledge to continue to do my best no matter on which committees I sit. My concern for and dedication to the Chickasaw people is unwavering and I am here to serve. The Legislature has seven Standing Committees and five Ad Hoc Committees. I will probably sit on five or six of them.

Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker gave the

Health Care Committee a good report. Construction of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Facility is now 85% complete and the roof is finished. Dr. Parker explained that the building insulation is on the outside so that all condensation that occurs will not be on the inside of the building causing cosmetic and health concerns. Beneficial occupancy (move-in-date) is now projected as May 5, 2010, or shortly thereafter. Carl Albert will continue to be honored because the new road in to the Medical Center is named Carl Albert Drive. The Health System will now be known as the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

Fun facts - the Medical Center contains 1,300 doors and 22,000 electrical receptacles and the building crew is currently adding up to 1,000 sheets of dry wall per day.

The following are statistics for the month of August 2009, (last year's statistics): August saw 305 surgeries (283). The Same-Day Clinic saw 3,289 patients (3,608). The Family Practice Clinic in Ada and satellite clinics saw 4,020 patients total in August (3,621). Internal Medicine saw 483 patients (433), Pediatrics saw 878 patients (711) and OB/GYN saw 49 patients (48).

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

An amazing evolution is shaping our tribe!

We are truly blessed to be Chickasaw, and I am especially blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as your Pickens District tribal legislator since 1997.

These past 12 years have been a glorious time - not just for me, although I have thoroughly enjoyed both the joys and challenges of serving.

This has been a glorious 12 years of tremendous progress for the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw people.

When I first began my term of service to the Chickasaw people, our tribe was just beginning to see some of the faint light of a new dawn. For many years we had been dependent almost solely on federal funds for our programs and services. Those funds didn't go very far when trying to serve so many Chickasaws with health care, housing, transportation, education and so much more.



WANDA BLACKWOOD TIPPIT SCOTT

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We were just starting to believe in ourselves and our abilities. We began building new tribal businesses throughout the Chickasaw Nation as we realized we must produce our own income if we were to serve the Chickasaw people properly.

Some of our businesses didn't do so well - but the majority took off and began to soar. How tremendous a feeling to be able to invest not thousands - but millions of

dollars into our education grants and scholarships! What a great feeling to know so many Chickasaw students were now grasping that opportunity for college degrees.

We started new programs and built new senior sites. We dedicated the new Family Practice Clinic on the Carl Albert campus and reinvested in our health care programs.

We learned to build up and operate businesses with Chickasaws leading the way. We learned how to train, motivate, inspire and retain excellent employees. We learned how to treat our customers right so they came back again and again.

I think the best part of my 12 years at your tribal legislator was seeing the smiles on the faces of our children and our elders. It has been said that a culture is judged on how it treats its children and elders, and I think the Chickasaw Nation will be judged favorably. We invested in the nutrition, education, health care, transportation, housing and overall care of our most precious citizens, and the results have been terrific!

Thank you for allowing me to experience this wonderful part of my life as a tribal legislator. Although I was not re-elected this time around, it has been a tremendous go-round.

I'm proud to be Chickasaw!

Tribal legislator named to Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee

A Chickasaw tribal legislator has recently been appointed to a national committee studying ways to combat diabetes.

Connie Barker, who represents Pickens District in the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, was appointed by Gov. Bill Anoatubby to the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee.

Mrs. Barker has attended committee meetings in Washington, D.C. in June, and in Anchorage, Alaska in September.

The committee was established in 1998 was established by the director of the U.S. Indian Health Service. The committee provides recommendations to the IHS on issues related to diabetes and other chronic health conditions among Indians.



Connie Barker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator
Pickens District

committee is to provide a dialogue between the IHS and tribal leadership on diabetes and its impact in Indian communities.

The committee is very active in its support of the federal Special Diabetes Program for Indians, which helps fund important research and prevention efforts.

Thank you



WANDA BLACKWOOD TIPPIT SCOTT

Although I was not victorious in my run for re-election as your Pickens District tribal legislator, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your support during my 12 years as your representative.

Our tribe and our people are amazing!

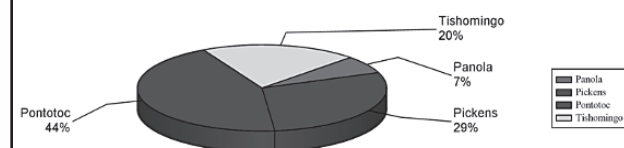
Thank you so much for providing me the opportunity to serve you. I hope to see you soon and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,666	Pontotoc	10,821
Pickens	7,116	Tishomingo	4,949
			<u>24,552</u>



'Let's Speak Chickasaw: Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli'

Native speaker Catherine Willmond collaborates on language textbook



UCLA Linguistics professor Pamela Munro, left, and Chickasaw native speaker Catherine Willmond were recently in Ada to celebrate the publication of the first textbook of the Chickasaw Language. The two authored the text after more than 25 years of research.

Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. - Dozens of people eager to learn the Chickasaw language had the opportunity to meet the authors of the first Chickasaw language textbook at a book signing August 28 at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada.

"Publication of this text is an important step in our language revitalization efforts," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Equally important is the high level of interest and enthusiasm Chickasaw people have for recapturing this vital part of our heritage and culture."

The University of Oklahoma Press recently published "Let's Speak Chickasaw: Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli," by authors Pamela Munro, UCLA Linguistics professor and Catherine Willmond, native speaker. Both were on hand to celebrate the publication and to present "Chickasaw: The W.B.L. (The World's Best Language)," a lecture on the uniqueness of the Chickasaw language.

"I love Chickasaw," Munro said. "It is a language that continually impresses

linguists and I'm very proud to have helped develop a resource for more people to learn about it."

The content is based on Munro's work with Willmond and their numerous trips to Oklahoma to visit with more than 50 Chickasaw native speakers.

The textbook is the second collaborative work by the authors; the first, "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary," was published in 1994.

"Let's Speak Chickasaw" treats the Chickasaw language as a living thing, not a historical artifact.

"Hopefully, this will help bring back competence in this beautiful language, which is now sadly endangered," Munro said.

A limited number of copies of the text will be available through the Chickasaw Press. For more information, call (580) 559-0547.

The book is also available through the University of Oklahoma Press. To purchase, visit www.oupres.com.

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Language club's 'Fall Fun Day' to be at Chitwood Farms in Sulphur

"Fall Fun Day" is the theme of the October meeting of The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club.

The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at Chitwood Farms in Sulphur, Okla.

Participants will learn Chickasaw words associated with fall and enjoy hay and corn mazes, giant slides, Lookout Tower Pumpkin Patch, a cookout and more.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language

and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

Chitwood Farms is located at 4982 Milky Way in Sulphur. For more information, visit www.chitwoodfamilyfarms.com.

To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310, teresa.mcdonald@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/ccs.

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Master/Apprentice language program applications available

Applications for those wishing to participate in the Chickasaw Nation Master/Apprentice language program are now available.

Ten fluent speakers, or masters, will be selected to participate in the program designed to develop ten apprentices into additional fluent speakers of the Chickasaw language within one year.

Each of the 10 fluent speakers will be teamed with a selected apprentice who has some knowledge of the

Chickasaw language to create an immersion learning environment.

This year, the program is specifically geared toward developing not only fluent speakers, but teachers of Chickasaw.

Deadline for application is Oct. 16.

Applications can be picked up at the Language Revitalization office, 222 S. Mississippi in Ada or by calling (580) 272-5318.

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Community language classes begin

The Chickasaw Nation Language Revitalization program will be offering community classes beginning Monday, Oct. 12.

These introductory classes are open to the public and provide a venue for teaching and learning and translating the Chickasaw language. Archives and resource materials will also be available to participants.

Class dates and locations are:

Purcell:

Monday nights beginning Oct. 12
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Purcell Area Office, 1603 S. Green
Instructor: Leerene Frazier.

Ardmore:

Tuesday nights beginning Oct. 13
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Culinary School

Instructor: Sue Simmons

Sulphur:

Monday nights beginning Oct. 12
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sulphur Senior Site, 401 E. Oklahoma
Instructor: Hanna Corsello

Ada:

Tuesday nights beginning Oct. 13
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Ada Language Office, 222 S. Mississippi

Instructor: Emma McLeod

Tishomingo:

TBA

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Language Revitalization Program office at (580) 272-5318.

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White House Harvest Fest set for October 17

The date for Harvest Fest at the Chickasaw White House has been changed to Saturday Oct. 17.

This event, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is free and open to the public. It will feature period-themed activities including horse-drawn buggy rides, Wild West vignettes and old-time fiddling.

The activities reflect the lifestyle of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Hancock Johnston and his family during the early 1900s.

"We are excited to celebrate fall the way they would have in the 1900s," said Regina Berna, director of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Museums and Historic Sites.

Other activities planned include traditional storytelling by well-known Chick-

asaw storyteller Lynn Moroney, guided tours of the Chickasaw White House and a performance by Western acting group The Ada Free Rangers.

Make-and-take craft classes will also be offered, with instructions on how to make items such as scarecrows and pine cone bird feeders.

Lunch, served from noon to 1 p.m., and all-day snacks will also follow early 1900s harvest theme.

The Chickasaw White House is located at the north edge of Emet, 10 miles east of Tishomingo.

For more information, contact the Department of Museums and Historic Sites at (580) 371-9835.

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'I was always so proud to be Chickasaw' - Jerry Underwood

Chickasaw artisan receives preservation award



Jerry Underwood

Chickasaw elder Jerry Underwood is the recipient of the 2009 Silver Feather Award for his work to preserve Chickasaw heritage and culture.

“Jerry Underwood has devoted his life to keeping Chickasaw cultural traditions alive, said Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture administrator.

“He is always there - teaching, making, doing and is most deserving of this honor.”

The son of a full-blood Chickasaw, Mr. Underwood has always sought to learn more about his heritage.

“I always wanted to know more about my ancestry,” he said. “I was so proud to be Chickasaw.”

Mr. Underwood is a talented artist skilled in beadwork, moccasin making, wood carving and silver smith-

ing.

After serving 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, he studied art and Indian studies at various institutions, including the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe. Ultimately, he earned his degree in Art with minors in Indian Studies and Sociology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

For years he has shared his talent with fellow Chickasaws by teaching at tribal senior sites and at the Chickasaw Nation Festival.

“These people are like my family,” Mr. Underwood said of his volunteer work. “I never get tired of teaching them.”

Mr. Underwood serves on the Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council and last year, an exhibit dedicated to Mr. Underwood was unveiled at the Council House Museum

in Tishomingo.

A lifetime naturalist, Mr. Underwood served as a National Park Service ranger and worked at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur for several years. He also devoted much time to the Girl Scouts as a camp ranger, providing programs detailing Indian history, culture and crafts.

Mr. Underwood was honored at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada (OK) as part of the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival.

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Businesses keeping pace despite recession concerns

FINANCIAL REPORT
The tribal government cap- tion includes the tribe’s gen- eral fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/ or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.
The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the busi- nesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mis- sion of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.
Revenues of the tribal oper- ation, other than the transfer from businesses, include mo- tor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chicka- saw Businesses revenues in- clude gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.
Tribal expenditures are classified by function. Gen- eral government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expendi- ture for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s division of

education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, pre- scription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.
The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming opera- tion of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.
Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the pe- riod ending August 31, 2009
Tribal Government
Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$147.4 million year-to-date. Expendi- tures were \$8.2 million for the month and \$70.4 million year- to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$117.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.
Chickasaw Businesses
Revenue net of gaming prizes for August totaled \$73 million and \$786 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$22 million for the month and \$259 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Govern- ment for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$82.0 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business

growth and expansion.
Statement of Net Assets
At August 31, 2009, the tribal government funds had \$131 million in cash and invest- ments. Of this amount, \$16.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not in-

**Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2009**

Revenues	
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	
Total funds available	
Expenditures	
General government	
Legislature	
Judiciary	
Education	
Heritage Preservation	
Health	
Youth and Family Services	
Nutrition Programs	
Regulatory	
Assistance Programs	
Transfer to Loan Program	
Gaming expense	
Other businesses' expense	
Total expenditures	
Increase in net assets	
Beginning net assets	
Ending net assets	

**Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
August 31, 2009**

Cash and Investments	
Receivables	
Inventory	
Prepaid expenses	
Other Assets	
Fixed assets	
Less payables	
Net Assets	

clude any federal program funds.
The businesses had \$146 mil- lion in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business opera- tions.

As of August 31, 2009, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$863 mil- lion compared to \$755 mil- lion at January 31, 2009 or an increase of \$108 million.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	7,826,342	786,693,242	794,519,584
	139,613,711	(139,613,711)	0
	147,440,053	647,079,531	794,519,584
	8,469,624		8,469,624
	1,830,982		1,830,982
	780,274		780,274
	13,966,026		13,966,026
	5,197,968		5,197,968
	13,766,474		13,766,474
	6,274,245		6,274,245
	3,683,801		3,683,801
	5,144,263		5,144,263
	11,327,749		11,327,748
	-	432,238,979	432,238,979
		132,801,546	132,801,546
	70,441,406	565,040,525	635,481,931
	76,998,648	82,039,006	159,037,654
	291,985,959	412,247,737	704,233,696
\$	368,984,607	494,286,743	863,271,350
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	131,994,111	146,094,963	278,089,073
	804,878	24,654,472	25,459,350
		5,408,714	5,408,714
		10,217,651	10,217,651
		79,130,444	79,130,444
	236,656,383	388,523,194	625,179,577
	(470,764)	(159,742,694)	(160,213,458)
\$	368,984,607	494,286,743	863,271,350

Business owners benefit from program

Preferred Vendor Program seeks to provide 'hand up' to Chickasaws

A unique program offered by the Chickasaw Nation gives Chickasaw businesses owners and others the opportunity to form partnerships with the tribe as they grow their enterprises.

The tribe's Preferred Vendor Program is designed to increase business opportunities for qualified Chickasaw and other minority business entrepreneurs.

"The Chickasaw Nation is absolutely committed to help build and sustain a strong Chickasaw business community," said Bill James, Chickasaw Preferred Vendor Program coordinator. "This program is an effort to recognize and support the entrepreneurial efforts of the citizenry of the Chickasaw Nation."

To participate, a business must be at least 51 percent owned, controlled and operated by a Chickasaw citizen, Native American, African American, Hispanic American, woman, or disabled

veteran.

Once certified, the company's information is entered into a data base that is utilized by all Chickasaw Nation divisions when making purchasing decisions.

This data base is used to produce Preferred Vendor reports that track how the program is contributing to the Chickasaw Nation's mission to enhance the quality of life of tribal citizens.

"We can track both the dollar amount spent with preferred Chickasaw business owners and the number of those businesses, James said.

"Our goal is for both of these to increase."

It is a high priority to seek business relationships with those businesses owned by Chickasaw citizens.

"We must empower entrepreneurs, generate jobs and create wealth in every area of our service boundaries," James

said. "It is really a win-win situation for our citizens, our business owners, and our Nation."

Preferred vendors are listed on the Chickasaw Business Registry. Preferred vendors can also access assistance from the Chickasaw Small Business Development Center.

To register online visit www.chickasawbusinessregistry.com and click the

business registry link. The application is also available at www.chickasaw.net.

To receive a mailed application, contact Bill James, vendor specialist at (580) 421-9500, ext. 25008.

Once submitted, a program representative will contact you to verify information and obtain more information about the business.

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Ada Area Job Fair attracts over 700 job seekers, 45 employers



Jaime Self, left, and Melanie Kauley at the Chickasaw Nation Industries booth during the 2009 Job Fair.

ADA, Okla. - More than 700 job seekers packed the Chickasaw Nation Community Center during the 9th annual Ada Area Job fair Aug. 27. The annual fair is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

More than 45 state and local employers were seeking workers with varying levels of skill and experience in a variety of fields.

Employers included health care, finance, retail, transportation, customer service, distribution, mechanical, food services, construction, armed forces, manufacturing, oil field, and industrial maintenance.

"This is the best opportunity I have had so far to get a chance to have so many excellent businesses review my resume in a time efficient manner," said John Adcock, job fair participant.

Representatives from Chickasaw Nation offered information about opportunities in tribal Commerce, Health, Transportation, Human Resources, Vocational Rehabilitation and Chickasaw Nation Industries.

"We have had over a 300 people come to our booth today and they are all quality applicants," said Jaime Self,

Chickasaw Nation Industries senior recruiter. "We will definitely be back next year to the job fair."

According to Chickasaw Nation organizer Darrel Walker, this was the biggest year ever for the job fair co-hosted by the Chickasaw Nation along with employers from 48 state and local companies.

In addition to employment opportunities, there were several educational and technological institutions on hand to offer job seekers an opportunity to increase their skill levels and educational backgrounds.

The 9th annual Ada Area Job Fair was sponsored by The Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Southern Workforce Board, Department of Human Services, Citizens Bank, McCall's Chapel, and Murray State College.

"With the huge success of this year's event there will certainly be more area job fairs planned in the future," said Chickasaw Nation organizer Darrell Walker, "If we can get one person hired, it was all worth it."

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Networking opportunities available through Chickasaw Business Registry

A roster of Chickasaw-owned businesses is available online and offers a wealth of opportunities for tribal citizens.

The Chickasaw Business Registry, available at www.chickasawbusinessregistry.com or at www.chickasaw.net, identifies Chickasaw-owned businesses across the United States.

"The business registry allows our tribe members to support one another's businesses," tribal vendor specialist Bill James said. "We can become acquainted and network with our fellow tribe members and make our tribe a stronger community."

Once registered, Chickasaw business owners will also have the opportunity to apply to the Preferred Vendor pro-

gram.

The business registry was created after a request was published in *the Chickasaw Times* in 2006 for Chickasaw business owners to supply information about their company.

The list currently contains 350 businesses located in 24 states and the District of Columbia. More than 70 classifications of businesses offering a variety of goods and services, from aviation training to tree farms, are on the list.

To register online visit www.chickasawbusinessregistry.com and click the business registry link.

The have an application mailed, contact Bill James at (580) 421-9500, ext. 25008.

Youth, elder artwork



Carlin Thompson, Marcus Milligan, and Chickasaw tribal legislator Mary Jo Green view the art at the "Hoo Aatiyaka Holba Pisachi" Generations Art Show conducted last month at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. The exhibit consisted of work created by Chickasaw youth during the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, and of Chickasaw elders created during art classes hosted by the Arts in Education Department at the senior centers.

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Tribal program helps smooth rocky road

School to Work student aiming for medical school

The fall semester is in full swing and 31 new Chickasaw Nation School to Work students in Ada and Ardmore have headed back to class.

Chickasaw citizen Bobby Hatton has just begun his first year in the program. School to Work provides tribal citizens the opportunity to pursue a higher education as a full-time student and gain valuable work experience.

Hatton is a senior at East Central University and plans to apply to the University of

Oklahoma College of Medicine in 2011.

Hatton, 36, has been working on his degree in earnest since 2005. But until he was accepted into the School to Work program, he worked more than 40 hours a week as a retail vendor and attended classes when he wasn't working.

"It's been tough, and now it's a lot better," he said.

He said working in the retail industry was not fulfilling.

"I want to go into a field where I make a difference in people's

lives," he said.

Hatton now attends class and works at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility as a medical support staff member in his on-the-job training, which is part of the academic program.

If all goes as planned, Hatton proposes to return as a Carl Albert physician.

He recently received an Indian Health Service (IHS) scholarship. He will attend medical school, then pay back the scholarship by working at and

IHS facility.

His reasons for wanting to be a doctor are many, but Hatton said he was inspired by his late grandmother, who was a nurse, and his four children.

"I want to set an example for them," he said. "Thirty-six is a late start, but if I help one person it's still worth it to me."

Hatton and his family live in Ada.

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Bobby Hatton

Life after School to Work

The Chickasaw Nation School to Work program employs students, and supports their attendance in college or vocational school. Students are eligible for full-time benefits.

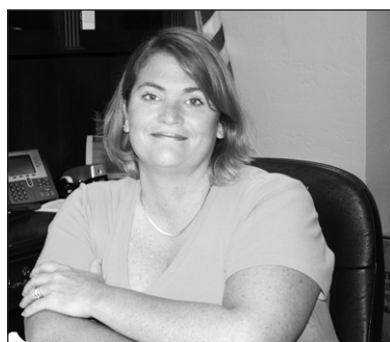
Through federal and state financial aid, grants and tribal funds, the students' education is completely funded, said Danny Wall, program director.

In May, 20 students graduated from area schools.

"After graduation, every student was re-employed within the tribe," said Wall.

One of the original students enrolled in the School to Work program, Ginger Sanders is the first to earn college degree.

Sanders, a May graduate of East Central University, ended her undergraduate work with a 3.62 grade point average.



Ginger Sanders

Through hard work and dedication, the mother of five earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies in three years.

"I took 20 hours last semester," she said.

During her on-the-job training, she worked

at Chickasaw Nation District Court. She is now a full-time deputy court clerk, dividing her time between the tribal Supreme Court and the District Court.

"I love my job," she said. "I learn something new every day."

Always one to set lofty goals, Sanders said she was considering working on her master's degree in criminal justice.

"It's only 36 more hours," she chuckled.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Child car seat safety check



Tammy Blevins, left, a Community Health Representative (CHR) from Purcell, instructs Jamie DeGeorge, of Sulphur, Okla., on how to properly install her child's car seat. Chickasaw Nation CHRs hosted a car seat safety check Sept. 12 in Sulphur as part of National Child Passenger Safety Week. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Road to Work driver places second in 'Native Transit Bus Rodeo'



Road to Work bus drivers Burgess Navarro and Donny Price.

Mike McKee

Chickasaw Nation Road to Work bus drivers completed against dozens of fellow bus drivers maneuvering through a variety of obstacles at the OSU precision driving course during the first ever "Native Transit Bus Rodeo."

The Chickasaw Nation was represented by Donny Price, finishing in 2nd place overall, and Burgess Navarro who came in 10th place overall in the Rodeo, Aug. 18 and 19 in Oklahoma City.

"I was really happy with getting second place, there was a lot of good competition and I was proud to go represent the Chickasaw Nation in a positive way," said Price.

Rodeo drivers competed in pre-trip inspection, wheelchair attachment, a written exam covering the first section of the Commercial Drivers License instruction book and a driving course consisting of a series of 10 everyday driving exercises with a seven-minute time limit.

Drivers from the Chickasaw, Seminole, Creek, Choctaw, Ponca, Prairie Band Potawatomi, and Pelivan Transit Nations sent representatives to compete.

"The event was great to watch and was nice to have been able to participate in its first year," Chickasaw Nation Road to Work program manager Rick Miller said. "I was very proud of how Donny and Burgess did in the event representing the Chickasaw

Nation."

Judges for the Rodeo were volunteers from Tribal Transit Systems and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

The first annual event was hosted by the Oklahoma State Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), as a way to increase the skill level of the Tribal bus drivers along with making the event a fun friendly competition.

Donny Price and Burgess Navarro gained their driving experience

as employees for the Chickasaw Nation Road to Work training program.

"I think overall it was a great learning experience and showed me and the other participants things we can do to make transports safer and more time efficient," said Price.

Both drivers have a Road to Work route they drive each morning and afternoon. They also help with the medical transports each day.

Road to Work is open to anyone. Riders are transported to their job sites including Pre-Paid Legal and the downtown area in Ada. College students are also given a ride to class.

Shuttle busses run each weekday from Ada. The east route stops in Allen, Tupelo, Stonewall, and the south route picks up riders in Connersville and Sulphur.

Buses currently begin picking up riders at 5 p.m. each day for the trip home after work.

Riders should call between 10 a.m. and noon to reserve a seat for the following day. Exact change is required. For information, to reserve a seat, or to request service in your area, call 1-800-492-2115.

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'Star' to be serialized in 'Cricket'

Children's magazine to feature work by Chickasaw author

"The Star That Fell and Became a Tree," a story detailing the struggles of a young Chickasaw girl by Rozanne Gooding Silverwood, will be published in the classic CRICKET children's magazine.

The story will be serialized into three parts beginning this month and running through January 2010.

"CRICKET is an excellent publication," Silverwood said. "I was thrilled to have the editors respond so positively to my story."

"The Star That Fell and Became a Tree" follows a young Chickasaw girl, Running Star, who must set out upon the Trail of Tears with her family. Along the way, she and her family suffer many hardships and Running Star struggles to overcome a superstition associated with her name.

Silverwood's story was inspired by a genealogical search of her grandfather, original enrollee Charles Holmes Gooding. A letter was found detailing the life of "Mourning Tree" Allen, her grandfather's grandmother, a remarkable woman who had traveled the Trail of Tears as a child.



Chickasaw author Rozanne Silverwood

to me as a much older woman," she said. "Later, while taking a workshop on writing for young readers, the much younger version took shape."

While "The Star That Fell and Became a Tree" is a fictional coming-of-age story, Silverwood made a huge

"It was from the small tidbits of information that I began to form the character for my story."

Silverwood also spent years researching the exodus of her ancestors from their homelands, all the while developing the lead character.

"Originally, the character appeared

effort to interweave many historical events and people from the Chickasaw history into the plot.

"I wanted to honor not only Mourning Tree's life, but also respect the story of the Chickasaw's unconquerable spirit, she said.

"I also wanted to personalize for young readers the enormity of loss that the Chickasaw people underwent during Removal."

Silverwood is currently working on several projects, including a novel titled "Hunting Prayers" featuring a fictional character modeled after her original enrollee grandfather and his struggles with his mixed-breed heritage in the early 1900s.

Silverwood lives just outside Washington, D.C. with her husband Mark and three daughters, Margaret, Francis and Morgaine.

For subscription information on CRICKET Magazine, visit www.cricketmag.com or call 1-800-821-0115.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw lawyer named risk management director for USDA

A Chickasaw citizen has recently joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., L.L.M., has recently assumed duties as Director of the Risk Management Education Division of the USDA, Risk Management Agency (RMA).

RMA is the federal agency responsible for oversight and management of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

In her new role, Hipp will be responsible for administering grant programs focused on improving management of risk.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," she said. "My new position allows me the opportunity to continue my career in the practice of law providing important risk management for the nation's farmers and ranchers."

FCIC/RMA administers the nation's crop and livestock insurance programs providing critical risk management tools and education to the nation's farmers and ranchers.

In addition to this new role, Ms. Hipp continues as chair of the USDA Women and Working Lands work group, focused on improving USDA's programs and services.

Recently Hipp led the organization in developing a comprehensive report of USDA programs and services that has been presented to the newly-formed White House Council on Women



Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., L.L.M.

and Girls.

"My former positions and education have led me here," she said. "Our Chickasaw youth should never be afraid to embrace their abilities to provide leadership whether at the local, Chickasaw nation, state or national level."

Grantees of the

RMA programs are engaged in improving the capacity of crop, livestock, fruit and vegetable producers to understand and meet challenges in the five major areas of risk: production, financial, marketing, legal and human resource.

Congress first authorized Federal crop insurance in the 1930s to help agriculture recover from the combined effects of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl.

"My Chickasaw heritage supports and inspires me," Ms. Hipp said. "To be Chickasaw and to be able to share an Indian Country vision to our work is extremely important at this critical time in our nation's history."

Ms. Hipp lives in Fayetteville, Ark., and in Washington, D.C. with her family.

Ms. Hipp is the granddaughter of the late Irene Spencer Simms, who lived in Lindsey, Okla. Mrs. Simms was an original enrollee.

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Distinguished Oklahomans honored during annual 'Festival of Hope'

Three distinguished Oklahomans, including Gov. Bill Anoatubby, were honored at the seventh annual *Festival of Hope*. The event was August 28 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Along with Gov. Anoatubby, Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry and retired OPUBCO vice president Sue

Hale were recognized for "contributing to improved quality of life for people in Central Oklahoma."

"It is quite an honor to be recognized by a respected organization which is doing such noble and important work," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Heartline, Inc., is an organization dedicated to raising awareness of the problem of suicide in Oklahoma, particularly among the state's young people.

Gov. Anoatubby has served as the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation since 1987. Prior to that, he served as the first Lieutenant Governor from 1979-1987. Under his leadership, the tribe has greatly expanded the programs and services available to Chickasaw citizens. The tribe today employs approximately 11,000, up



Governor Bill Anoatubby

from about 250 when Gov. Anoatubby took office.

First Lady Kim Henry has devoted much of her life to education. In 1999-200 she was one of only six teachers nationwide to receive the Close-Up Foundation's Linda Myers Chosen Award for Teaching Excellence in Civic Education.

Mrs. Henry is active on several statewide boards of directors including Oklahoma Medical Research Foun-

dation, Science Museum Oklahoma, and the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum. She is also on the board of trustees of the Sarkey's Foundation and the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

Ms. Hale is the co-chair of Central Oklahoma Turning Point, a grass roots health initiative. She also served with Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry as co-chair of Oklahoma Wellness Week in April 2009. Ms. Hale has also played a key role in promoting the state's Strong and Healthy Oklahoma since it was introduced in 2007.

In addition to the individual awards, the Audrey Hatley award was presented to Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School for their suicide prevention and education awareness efforts.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Pawnee attorney has had distinguished career

Native civil rights pioneer named Federal Bar Association President

"As I rise to the podium I stand on the shoulders of giants," said Lawrence Baca as he became the first Native American sworn in as President of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) in the association's 90-year history.

Baca was honored by the FBA and colleagues during a dinner ceremony at the annual Oklahoma Federal Bar convention, Sept. 12 in Oklahoma City.

The Federal Bar Association promotes the welfare, interests, education, and professional development of attorneys involved in federal law. The FBA is the catalyst for communication between the bar and the bench, as well as the private and public sectors.

"I am overwhelmingly honored to be elected president and to stand on the shoulders of the 16,000-plus men and women who make up the Federal Bar Association," said Baca.

With the majority of all Native American tribal cases being brought in federal court, many hope the election of Baca as FBA president will bring an instant impact to the recognition of Native American rights in the Federal system.

Currently, there are no sitting full-time Native American federal court judges in the United States and there has never been a Supreme Court Justice of Native American heritage.

"My election will allow Native Americans to be more visible in the Federal Bar Association and will give me an opportunity to advocate for the elevation of Native Americans to higher positions in the Federal Court system," said Baca.

Baca has a long history of defending the civil rights of tribal nations and their citizens through his 32 years of work in the Department of Justice.

He was nicknamed "the grandfather of Indian country credit," by Indian Country Today, for the extensive work on civil rights cases granting equal access to credit for tribal members on Indian reservations.

A full-blood Pawnee, Baca's father was stabbed 27 times in 1939 when he walked into a "whites only" bar.

"When I got older, I began to appreciate there are laws that can protect Native Americans from suffering the same injustice as my father and so many other Indians my life became guided," said Baca.

Baca grew up in southern California in the 1950s and 60s where he had a strong Native American upbringing.

During his youth, Native Americans were discriminated against much like all minorities during the time. The civil rights movement was under way and Baca took an activist role during high school and throughout college.

In 1969, Baca started the Indian student organization at the University of

California leading the way as an outspoken advocate for Native American civil rights.

In 1973, Baca received his bachelor's degree in American Indian History and Culture from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

After graduation, he was one of only three Indians accepted to Harvard Law School in an incoming class of 600.

While attending law school, he was a Harvard Teaching Fellow. Several of his writings on Indian law were published and he taught "Perspectives on the Historical Development of American Indian Policy and Law."

"Harvard was a dream for me," Baca said. "I am one of 90 Native Americans to graduate from Harvard Law School. It cleared the path for me, allowing me to go places I couldn't have gone before Harvard."

Graduating in 1976 from Harvard Law School, Baca was the first American Indian hired through the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Honor Law Program, started in 1954.

Baca's first job in the DOJ was in the Civil Rights Division of the Office of Indian Rights.

"The DOJ Civil Rights Division was created in 1957," he said. "Between 1957 and 1973 thousands of civil rights cases were brought by the DOJ, only two were on behalf of Native Americans."

Baca made a historic rise to the top of the Justice becoming Deputy Director of the Office of Tribal Justice while paving the way for Native American civil rights throughout his career.

Before becoming Director at DOJ, Baca was a senior trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division assigned to the Educational Opportunities Litigation Section for 12 years. He also served in the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section for eight years, the General Litigation Section for two years and the Office of Indian Rights for four years.

"My career was blessed working for the Department of Justice," Baca said. "When you bring a civil rights case through the Department of Justice you move with a power unlike any other litigating organization in the country."

Before his retirement in 2008 from DOJ, Baca was responsible for personally filing the most cases in the history of DOJ on behalf of Native Americans. Between 1980 and 1990 Baca filed more cases on behalf of Native Americans than all 225 DOJ lawyers combined.

The impact Baca had in the DOJ on the recruitment of young Indian lawyers through the Honor Law program and outreach programs to universities nationwide is unprecedented, with over 20 Native American lawyers joining DOJ through the honor law program.

Upon his retirement, Baca was award-

ed the Attorney General's medalion for his dedicated service related to the Civil Rights of American Indians and his outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of the Department of Justice mission.

Baca is a nationally-recognized authority on federal Indian law and race. He's a distinguished writer, published throughout an extensive network of scholarly law journals and is a frequent lecturer at colleges and law schools.

In 1988, he authored "The Legal Status of American Indians," for Volume 4 of the Smithsonian Institution's 20-Volume Handbook of North American Indians..

Among his numerous achievements, Baca has served as Chairman of an Indian Law Committee within a Section of the FBA and is credited with creating the Indian Law Section in which he served fifteen consecutive years as chairman.

Baca is a past President of the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) and has served on its board of directors in various capacities.

Baca's legal work has been profiled in the American Bar Association Journal as one of "Twelve Who Made It." In 1999, Minority Lawyer magazine selected him as the first American Indian attorney ever profiled in that magazine.

In 2008 Baca received the ABA spirit of excellence award for his recruitment and mentoring of young Indian lawyers and was awarded the FBA lifetime



Lawrence Baca, FBA President.

achievement award for excellence in federal Indian law.

"Lawrence Baca's achievements throughout his career have had a significant impact on Native American civil rights," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "His election to President of the Federal Bar Association is a victory for all tribal nations."

Through his personal life experiences as a Native American growing up during the civil rights revolution, Baca has strived to make life better for all Native Americans.

With never ending persistence and pride in his heritage, Baca has not yet reached a climax in his career. Baca views his election to the FBA Presidency as only another stepping stone allowing him to continue his pursuit for equality on a higher platform.

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Dynamics of domestic violence analyzed; training sessions open to everyone

Specialized training taught by experts in the dynamics of domestic violence will be offered by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla.

Specialized training sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration for the event beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is also available.

Guest presenter, Detective Jon H. Lumbley will speak with law enforcement officers and the public regarding interviewing victims of domestic violence, dynamics of family violence, and the dynamics and lethality of domestic violence.

Training will be open to law enforcement, domestic violence advocate, counselors, social workers and interested tribal and community members.

Law enforcement officers who attend the seminar and training can earn five hours of CLEET training credit along with a great educational experience.

Detective Lumbley joined the Dallas Police Department in 1985 serving in the Southeast Patrol Station for seven years and 17 years on the Youth and Family Crimes Division.

Detective Lumbley has taught across the nation as a certified instructor through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education for the Dallas Police Department and holds a Master Peace Officer License.

Certified as a Sexual Assault Family Violence Instructor, Detective Lumbley is a qualified teacher for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center on domestic violence and a member of the Dallas Area Crisis Response Team.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Renee Wilson in the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention at (580) 272-5550 or visit their offices located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada, Okla. in the Youth and Family Services building.

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BIRTHS



Braxton and Bryce Davis

Braxton Lee Davis was born June 22, 2009 at Scott and White Hospital, Temple, Texas.

Braxton is the son of Tommy Lee Davis, Jr., and Ginger Davis, of Belton, Texas.

He is the grandson of Tommy Lee Davis, Sr., and Carolyn Davis, of Belton.

Ezekiel Alex Wayne Patterson was born May 8, 2009 at OU Children's Hospital, Oklahoma City. He weighed 5 lbs., and measured 18 inches at birth.

He is the son of Cara and Timothy Patterson, of Sulphur, Okla.

His native relatives are Aunts, Tommie Postoak, Tanya Roberts, Sandra Walker; uncles, James Sampson, Anthony Lattie and Johnny McLeod. His great-grandmother is Emma McLeod, and great-aunt is Phyllis Lattie, both of Connerville, Okla.

He is the great-great-great-great-grandson of the late Eliza Russell, an original enrollee.

Indigo-Skie Firefly Rainbow Berry was born July 14, 2009 at 12:34 p.m. She weighed 11 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 23 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Philip and Adrienne Berry and the sister to Huyana Kai Dragonfly Berry, all of Manzanita, Ore.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Harvey Gene Love, Shirley Love, of Oklahoma City, Ethal Louise Berry, of Walker River, Calif., Rosalie Gonnies, of Indian Wells, Ariz., and Woodie and Maggie Jodie, of Pinon, Ariz.

He is the great-grandson of Charles and Betty Davis, of Kingston, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee, the late Vivian Wallace and Earnest Wallace.

Braxton's big brother, Bryce Micheal Davis, celebrated his third birthday with Braxton.



Mahala Gamblin

Mahala RaeLee Gamblin was born at 5:45 a.m. on Aug. 26, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 19 ½ inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Michael and Tiffany Gamblin, and the sister to Breanna Marie Gamblin, all of Comanche, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Rick and Marquitta Phillips, of Duncan, Okla., and Tommy and Carol Hendrick, of Comanche.

She is the great-granddaughter of Junior and Jean Honeycutt, of Duncan, Vera Phillips, of Pauls Valley, Okla., WB Gamblin, of Hugo, Okla., Betty Hendricks, of Comanche, and Harty Henry, of Wauricka. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Alton Downey, of Pernell, Okla.

BIRTHDAYS



James Harris celebrated his 69th birthday, and his great-grandson, **Charles Gastineaus** celebrated his third birthday on May 17, 2009 at Wintersmith Park, Ada, Okla. They were joined by family members for this celebration and to celebrate Mother's Day. Mr. Harris is shown in the photo above with two of his grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



Starla Wood

Starla Kay Wood will celebrate her 10th birthday Oct. 18 with family and friends.

She attends the fifth grade at Willard Grade Center, Ada, Okla.

Starla is the daughter of Jack and Miranda Wood.

She is the granddaughter of Sharon and Jay Hickman.



Mary Lou Nichols

Mary Lou Nichols, of Pauls Valley, Okla., celebrated her 89th birthday Sept. 16, 2009.

She is married to Robert E. (Bob) Nichols, son of original Chickasaw enrollee, Joe Nichols.

Mrs. Nichols is loved by three daughters, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Happy birthday!

We love you bunches!

Revival, The Revelators at Community Center

Ernie Couch and Revival from Nashville, and The Revelators from Durant, Okla., will be at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, Okla., on Sunday, Oct. 11

beginning at 3 p.m.

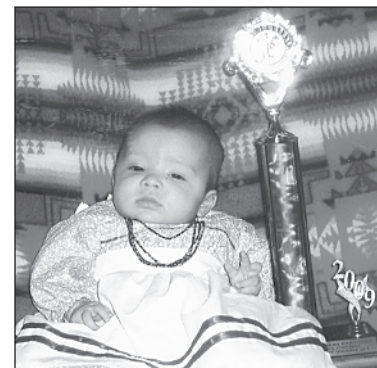
For more information contact CloudByDay Southern Gospel Promotions at (405) 706-1201 or email cloudbyday@live.com

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would

like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.



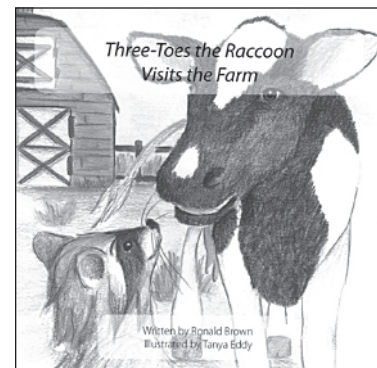
Araya Watkins

Araya Watkins baby contest winner at Expo

Araya Watkins, three-month old daughter of Sara and Craig Watkins, of Anadarko, Okla., was recently won at a baby contest at the 2009 Indian Expo in Anadarko.

Araya is the great-granddaughter of Josie Stout Harjo.

Chickasaw author publishes children's book 'Three-Toes the Raccoon Visits the Farm'



A Chickasaw author has recently published a children's book.

Ron Brown has written "Three-Toes the Raccoon Visits the Farm." The book is illustrated by Tanya Eddy.

"Three-Toes" is the story of a young raccoon who visits his grandmother's farm. Three-Toes is a city raccoon, so the visit is an exciting new experience for him.

The story delivers a message of the importance of everyone and every creature.

The book can be ordered from Authorhouse. The website is www.authorhouse.com and the phone number is 1-800-839-8640.

Mr. Brown is from Jonesboro, Ark. He is the son of Otto and Lillie Brown, and the grandson of Elsie and Jesse Brown.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Jamey Garner

Jamey Garner named top band student

James "Jamey" R. Garner, a seventh grader at Lone Grove (OK) School, has recently been recognized for his musicianship.

Jamey, 13, was named the outstanding seventh-grade Lone Grove School Band musician for the 2008-2009 school year. Jamey plays tuba in the band.

Jamey is the son of Danny and Julie Davis, of Lone Grove.

His grandparents are Jim and Donna Garner, of Lone Grove, and Betty Walker, of Ardmore, Okla.



Loper McCune

Loper McCune nets top finish at Pueblo rodeo

A Chickasaw steer wrestler has recently finished among the top cowboys in competitive youth rodeo.

Loper McCune, of Goodwell, Okla., placed third in the Na-

tional Little Britches Rodeo Association Finals in Pueblo, Colo.

Loper, a 17-year-old senior at Goodwell High School, entered the NLBRA Finals with a maximum of 375 points. NLBRA competitors must compete and place in at least seven qualifying rodeos throughout the year. The maximum points that can be carried to the Finals is 375.

At the NLBRA Finals, Loper placed third in the first round with a time of 5.2 seconds; seventh in the second round with a time of 6.2 seconds; and captured first place in the televised championship Short Go with a time of 4.0 seconds.

The combination left Loper with a third-place World finish.

Loper is the son of Vicki Ayres-McCune. He is the grandson of Billy and Patsy Ayres.



Cameron Chavez

Cameron Chavez on line for Europe study

A Chickasaw high school junior has been invited to spend the summer of 2010 traveling and studying in Europe.

Cameron Rojo Chavez, 16, attends Allen (OK) High School. He plans to spend 20 days with the People to People program traveling in England, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

Cameron is the son of Aileen Littleman.

His grandparents are the late Clifford and Bessee Brown. His great-grandparents are original enrollees Louie D. and Chetona Porter Brown, and Esau and Viney Seely Smith.

Chickasaw woman earns doctorate from UT - Arlington



Catharine Welch

A Chickasaw woman has recently earned her doctorate degree.

Catharine Moore Welch, of Rockwall, Texas, received her doctor of philosophy in linguistics from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dr. Welch's education was supplemented by the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education scholarship program, laptop computer program, grade incentives and clothing grant. During her graduation on August 15, Dr. Welch wore her Chickasaw honor stole over her gown.

She received her bachelor's degree from Baylor University in 2003, and completed graduate studies at Dallas Baptist University and Southwester Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Welch is the daughter of Louise A. Moore, Jr., a Chickasaw citizen, and Kay Moore, of Garland, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Thomas Nowell Moore.

Dr. Welch and her husband, Casey, live in Rockwall. She is an adjunct instructor of linguistics at the University of Texas at Arlington and is publisher of CrossHouse Publishing.



Sara Norton with Filipino children.

Chickasaw student works as media missionary in Philippines

Chickasaw student Sara Christine Norton spent the months of June and July traveling through the Philippines as a media missionary. Her task was to document the work of Nehemiah Missionary Teams for blogs, newspapers and magazines. She used writing and photography to tell the stories of missionaries doing God's work on the island of Mindanao.

Ms. Norton is a University of Oklahoma senior majoring in professional writing. She had the responsibility of covering the Love the Children Foundation orphanage team, Tucker and Fowler orphanage team and the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center team. She was also able to participate in other ministries with the teams such as teaching in local elementary schools, sharing Bible studies in the communities and participating in sports evangelism events.

"This trip was really special for me because I used my talents and abilities and what I'm learning at the University of Oklahoma to minister to people in the Philippines," Ms. Norton said. "Through media, I was able to share their stories and to share what God's doing through college students just like me in other countries."

As a missionary, she participated in just about every aspect of Filipino culture. She and the other missionary stu-

dents lived in the orphanages and Filipino homes, ate Filipino foods and experienced life without airconditioning or indoor plumbing.

"It was a very humbling experience for me being able to fully submerge myself in their culture and live life with the people the way they live life," Ms. Norton said. "Going overseas shows you what is really important in life. The things we work so hard for in America really don't matter in other countries. What does matter is sharing the love of Christ with people and giving them hope."

Ms. Norton brought back many memories that will last a lifetime. Building relationships with high school girls very eager to learn more about Jesus, leading a young boy to accept Jesus at an outreach event and learning to milk goats at the farm were some of her favorites.

"I feel like I found my calling in life," she said. I want to use my talents to serve other people and to bring glory to God. "That's what I want my life to be about."

After graduation in 2010, Ms. Norton plans to pursue a career as a media missionary, working in a foreign country using media to promote missions.

To read stories and see pictures from her summer, visit Ms. Norton's blog - pursuingmypassion.blogspot.com

ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cradduck

Cradducks celebrate 50th Anniversary

Charles Cradduck and Jolene (Greenwood) Cradduck recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives attended a reception at Goodrich Memorial United Methodist Church in Norman, Okla., on August 22, 2009.

The reception was hosted by Carmen Crick, Cynthia Cooper, Mrs. Cradduck's twin sisters Juanita Briggs and Johnita Ferguson, and the Goodrich United Methodist Women.

The Cradducks were married August 22, 1959 at Stonewall Methodist Church, Stonewall, Okla.

The couple has lived in Norman since 1963. Mr. Goodrich received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 1966.

The Cradducks have been members of Goodrich Memorial United Methodist Church since 1985. The couple renewed wedding vows at Goodrich in 2003.

Mr. Cradduck work for 29

years at Tinker Air Force Base as an aerospace engineer and a computer systems design analyst. He retired in 1995.

Mrs. Cradduck worked as a receptionist for several engineering companies. She was a receptionist for Roberts/Schornick, Inc., when she retired in 1999.

The Cradducks are active in their church. They enjoy Bible study, jigsaw puzzles, and watching movies, as well as camping with their children.

The Cradducks have two daughters, Carmen Crick and husband Rod, of Norman, and Cynthia Cooper and husband Kenny, of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Cradduck is the daughter of the late Plas Joseph and Ola Brashier Greenwood. She is the granddaughter of the late Barney McCoy and Mariah Fillmore Greenwood.

Her grandparent were original enrollees of the Chickasaw Nation.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



John Blackburn

Blackburn graduates from Central Florida

A Chickasaw student from Florida has recently earned his bachelor's degree.

John Christopher Blackburn, of Orlando, is a 2009 graduate of the University of Central Florida. Mr. Blackburn earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Mr. Blackburn wore the Chickasaw Nation honor stole over his graduation gown at UCF graduation ceremonies.

He now works for an industrial automation firm in Orlando.

Mr. Blackburn is the son of Darlene Meyer and John "Gil" Blackburn.

Congratulations to John from his family and friends!

Chickasaw Nation Industries offers opportunities in variety of operations

Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) is a company affiliated with the Chickasaw Nation. CNI's business focuses on maintaining contracts with the federal government.

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gies, manufacturing and business and administrative support services.

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To learn more about CNI, and to see what CNI can offer you, please see the CNI website at www.chickasaw.com

AARP seeking nominations for Indian Elder honors

AARP Oklahoma has announced it is seeking nominations for its 2009 Indian Elder honors.

The association will recognize 50 American Indians over the age of 50 who have made a positive contribution to their respective tribe and/or the state of Oklahoma. Honorees need not be a member of AARP but must be a member of one of the 37 federally-recognized tribes in Oklahoma.

Nominations for the 2009 AARP Indian Elder honors are being accepted now through

October 31.

"We are excited to make this announcement because it gives us an opportunity to recognize the contributions older American Indians have made to our state," said AARP Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons. "The resilience, dedication to cultural preservation and dignity of Indian elders are an indelible part of our state's diverse population."

Honorees will be recognized at an event in Oklahoma City later this fall.

To make a nomination:

In 250 words or less, describe how the person nominated has made a positive difference on his or her respective tribe and/or the state of Oklahoma. Please include the full contact information (telephone number, e-mail address and mailing address) of both the person nominated and the person making the nomination. Nominations without full contact information will not be considered. E-mail nominations to: cedavis@aarp.org. Regular mail nominations can be sent to: AARP Indian Elder Honors, 126 North Bryant, Edmond, OK 73034.

Rules

AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honorees must be over the age of 50 and must be a member of one of the 37-federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma. Honorees must not be deceased and need not be a member of AARP. Selection of honorees will be determined solely at the discretion of an anonymous selection committee. There is no cash award for this honor.

Kidney Walk Team



The Sayimmi (I Believe) Kidney Walk Team participated in the National Kidney Foundation Walk, Sept. 19 at Fort Worth, Texas in celebration of Melissa Morgan's two-year kidney transplant anniversary. Sayimmi walkers included Mrs. Morgan's family, front row from left, Scott Morgan, Melissa Morgan, Garrett Morgan, Vicky Gold (Melissa's kidney donor), and Rachael Collins. Back row from left, Leta Hayes, Kaylee Hayes, Buddy Tartsah, Marcus Tartsah and Bill Gold.

From basketball to the environment, softball to the arts

Over 1,000 Chickasaw kids benefit from summer camp program

More than 1,000 Chickasaw youth had new experiences, learned new skills and explored possible career opportunities during Chickasaw Nation youth camps and academies offered this summer.

From Arts Academy to Yakni Moma Alphisa (Tribal Court Camp), camps and academies offered by various Chickasaw Nation divisions, gave many Chickasaw youth an opportunity to try something new this summer.

"Chickasaw Nation Youth Services had an outstanding camp season this year, with attendance totaling over 900 youth and we hope to make next year even better," said Bryan Lyon, Chickasaw Nation assistant director of Youth Services.

"Giving our youth the opportunity to have these experiences is a great honor for Youth Services and I would like to thank everyone who helped make this camp season a success, he said.

"I have special memories from all the camps, but the most memorable events are seeing the amazement on a young face when they have learned and experienced something new and exciting."

More than 120 Chickasaw youth attended the ninth annual Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp conducted June 8-11 at WinStar Golf Course.

"I learned how to bring more power to my swing," Terra Love, 10, of Ada, said during her first Golf Camp.

"I learned sportsmanship," said Colton Dresser, of Sulphur.

Sixty-eight dynamic Chickasaw softball players attended the sixth annual Chickasaw Nation Softball Clinic, conducted July 20-22 at the Latta High

School softball facility.

Area coaches lent their experience and expertise this year during the beginner's and advanced clinics.

More than 185 Chickasaw youth had the opportunities to perfect their basketball skills area during the fifth annual Chickasaw Nation Basketball clinic, conducted at Ada and Ardmore July 1-2.

Tatum Hill, an eighth grader at Ada Junior High, was able to learn new basketball skills from two University of Oklahoma women's basketball players, Abi Olajuwon and Carlee Roethlisberger.

"It's really cool to have the collegiate athletes as coaches in the camp," she said.

Bailee McCurdy, 11, said she attended four Chickasaw Nation camps this year. Arts Academy and Camp Survivor is her favorite. "I like to meet new people. I am happy to learn more about my culture."

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) gave 140 participants a chance to learn and grow in several artistic disciplines under the tutelage of renowned professional artists.

Division of Arts and Humanities Administrator Lona Barrick said CSAA provides highly qualified, experienced artist in nine artist disciplines.

A group of students were enlightened about the world around them during the inaugural Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Develop-

ment in late May.

"I like the trip to the recycling center. I learned that recycling is not that hard and, once you do it, it makes a difference in you," said participant Chelsea Wedlow.

Lindsey Elliott, a recent Ada High graduate attended FCA Xtreme Camp this year for the fourth consecutive time, thanks to the Chickasaw Nation.

"I have learned that when you are a leader, you have to also be a follower and you have to be a good listener."

Seventy Chickasaw children, ages eight to 12, learned more about their cultural and heritage during the Chikashsha Saya Camp in July.

Shelby Smith, of Tishomingo, said "It's cool just learning about your culture," as she studied a booklet of Chickasaw phrases, words, recipes, colors, and numbers.

Paige Young, 10, of Ada, went to the culture camp for first time, "So I would have something to do this summer."

Reece Milner traveled from Purcell to Ada to attend the tennis clinic in June.

"I learned how to do the forehand and the backhand and I had a lot of fun," said the eight-year-old.

Reece was one of 42 beginner tennis players to attend Tennis Camp.

First time Shooting camp participant Sequoyah Lindsey was able to score high enough to take home top honors at the August camp.

"The camp was helpful and I learned a lot from the instructors. It was a great experience and something I want to do again," said Lindsey.

More than 30 aspiring lawyers took

part in the second annual Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Yakni Moma Alphisa, court camp, conducted in July.

This year's court camp focused on a mock trial competition and a chance for the youth to take part in all-encompassing judicial system learning experience.

"This camp gives the youth a chance to broaden their outlook on life and get new experiences in a variety of fields that they may want to pursue later in life," said Tamara Dresser, Chickasaw Nation Deputy Court Clerk.

"It was a great learning experience for all the youth involved," she added.

This year, 95 campers from across Oklahoma and Texas gathered at Camp Classen near Davis for Camp Survivor Hunali.

Camp Survivor was created to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive atmosphere.

Several future cadets got to learn the ropes as a law enforcement officer during Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Academy, conducted in June.

Cadets practiced self-defense, firearms training and crime scene investigations during the four-day academy.

Upcoming camps and activities for you include the After School Program from November 2- December 11, Haya-ka Unta Camp, set for December 4-6, and Winter Baseball Camp, December 21-22.

For more information on Chickasaw Nation Youth Camps, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaws gather for Elders Day at Kullihoma

More than 75 Chickasaw elders gathered to share stories and talk about Chickasaw traditions and culture during Elders Day Sept. 11 at Kullihoma.

This semi-annual event is sponsored

by the Cultural Resources Department of the tribal Division of History and Culture.

Division administrator Amanda Cobb-Greetham presented a report on

the progress of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. Maj. George Jesse of the Lighthouse Police was on hand to discuss the prevention of identity theft and home invasion.

Elders were also treated to entertainment by musician and Chickasaw Nation employee Michael Cornelius and an Indian taco lunch.

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Michael Cornelius, Chickasaw flautist, entertains elders.



Madill Seniors Marci Jones and Yvonne Harper with their door prizes.



Marcy Gray

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel greets the Chickasaw Honor Guard.

Royalty crowned at Chickasaw Princess Pageant

Three young ladies began their reign as 2009-10 Chickasaw royalty during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant, conducted at Ada High School Cougar Activity Center Monday, Sept. 28.

Jessie Miller, Alexis Walker and Lauren John, all of Ada, were crowned by Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel. Miss Miller, Miss Walker and Miss John will serve as Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw, respectively.

The new royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across the country during their one-year reign.

"These extraordinary young ladies will serve as excellent ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation during the upcoming year," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They join a great history of dynamic

Chickasaw women. We are proud these three ladies and of all our Chickasaw Princess Pageant participants."

Chickasaw Princess 2009-10 Jessie Miller is the 19-year-old daughter of Jeffrey Miller and Shannon Russell Treat. She is a sophomore at East Central University. After graduation, she aspires to be a teacher.

"As Chickasaw Princess, I will do what it takes to help other Chickasaw children to want to do their best in everything they do," she said.

Alexis Walker, 13, is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna Ellis Walker. She is in the eighth grade at Ada Junior High School.

"Being Junior Miss Chickasaw means being a role model for young girls, representing the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation - as well as my Lord - to the best of my abilities, and learning more about my culture,"

she said.

Lauren John is the seven-year-old daughter of Thomas and Lisa John. She is in the second grade at Hayes Elementary School.

"As Little Miss Chickasaw, I want to tell about how great it is to be Chickasaw," she said.

During the pageant, participants were judged on traditional Chickasaw dress, random questioning, talent and poise. Contestants demonstrated a wide variety of exceptional talents ranging from storytelling, singing and dancing.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges.

Each new princess received a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes from Governor Anoatubby.

Catie Newport, of Ada, was named first runner up 2009-10 Chickasaw Princess and Tisha Cully, of Chickasha,

was second runner-up.

In the Chickasaw Junior Princess category, Autumn Underwood, of Latta, was named first runner-up. Little Miss Chickasaw first runner up was Maegan Carney, Ardmore, second runner-up, Raechell Meely, Sulphur, and Cheyanne Arkansas, Tishomingo, was third runner-up.

During the pageant ceremony, special recognition was paid to the princesses completing their reigns as Chickasaw royalty for 2008-2009, Chickasaw Princess Carla Lane; Chickasaw Junior Princess Julie Underwood; and Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow.

"It has been a great honor to serve this past year, I have learned more about the Chickasaw Nation and other tribes," said Miss Lane.

Miss Underwood said, "It has been a

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Chickasaw District Court opens new court facility in Ardmore

The Chickasaw Nation District Court began hearing cases in 2004. The court offers a venue for Chickasaw citizens, as well as those of other tribal affiliations and, in some cases, non-Indians.

The court hears primarily family law cases including adoption, guardianship, divorce, child support and paternity.

For the first five and one-half years of its existence, the tribal District Court heard cases and maintained an office only in the tribal headquarters city of Ada, Okla.

Beginning this month, the court has established an office in Ardmore, Okla. The new office is located in the Ardmore Federal Building, 39 N. Washington, second floor courtroom.

The new District Court location has been established for the convenience of Ardmore-area Chickasaws.

"Our desire was to make the District Court accessible to our Chickasaw people who would otherwise face a long drive to Ada," Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Mark Colbert said. "We saw a need, and we wanted to take action to fulfill the needs of Chickasaws in the Ardmore area."

The new Ardmore court will conduct hearings the last

Wednesday of each month. Presiding in the new facility will be Special Judge Dustin Rowe.

Citizens who seek more information on filing papers and having a case heard in the Ard-

more court location should call the court's toll-free number, 1-800-479-1459.

Court advocates are available to assist citizens with questions, paper work and filings.



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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Pacific Northwest Community Council

We hope to expand on July's successful start with our next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 24. It will be in the Oak Room at the Marshall Community Center in Vancouver, Wash.

Scheduled guests from Oklahoma will include Sharon Nelson as well as guest speaker, Allen Elliott from the Tribal Health Department to speak about what is available to citizens at-large.

As requested, we'd like to compile any questions you have for the tribal health speaker in advance. Please email to Michelle: lavenderrows@msn.com or Rena: jayjay17@centurytel.net

[net](http://www.chickasaw.net) by October 1.

October's gathering will be a harvest-themed potluck and, at this time, we're in need of all types of potluck dishes. We would be grateful for those attending to RSVP by October 23 if possible.

Additionally, please let us know if you'll need transportation or any special accommodations. Contact Kim at 503-819-3097 for suggestions and/or feedback and we look forward to seeing you and your family on October 24.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 24th 1:30 pm

Marshall Community Center - Oak Room

1009 E. McLaughlin Blvd. - Vancouver, WA (located in Marshall Park, West of Ft. Vancouver)

North Texas Community Council



From left, John Atkins, Fannae' Shields, Josh Hinson, Loretta Bates, Sheila Voyles, Mark Roquemore and Amy Bluemel.

On September 12, six North Texas Chickasaw Community Council members joined together with Josh Hinson for training on the Phraselator use and a limited language course.

It was an enlightening experience for all who attended this

session. In our next monthly meeting this will be shared with the whole council. This addition to the council will bring a new interest in learning the language as we organize learning programs for the membership.

Wichita Community Council

The Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, Kansas is hosting a Fall Picnic at Sedgwick County Park in Wichita, KS from 10:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday, October 10, 2009. For more information, call Joyce at (316) 440-3494 or Lynn at (316) 945-9219

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)

October 17, (580) 332-8685

Volleyball League

October 20-December 15, (580) 310-6620

Revenge of the Bulls

October 23-24, (580) 421-7728

After School Program

November 2-December 11, (580) 310-6620

Elders Thanksgiving Lunch and Bazaar

November 20, (580) 622-2888

Chickasaw Press Holiday Sale

November 20, (580) 559-0547

Lowak Shoppala' World Premiere

November 21-22, For tickets call: (580) 272-5520

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Tony Poe, (580) 421-4994

EMET

Harvest Fest

October 17, (580) 371-3351

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma Community Council

4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Todd Griffith, (405) 615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Linda O'Hagan, (405) 350-3311

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Ann Fink, (580) 371-3351

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council

Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

Sacramento Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

Quarterly Meetings

Stephen Bingham, (303) 377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita

3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219 or Pam Harjo, (316) 393-0696

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly Meetings

Vadare Cornelison, (505) 332-1776

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly meetings

Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area

Michele Moody, (210) 492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas

Austin, Texas Area

2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Gene Thompson, (512) 258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX

3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

John C. Atkins, (972) 271-0692

Lighthorse Police, Narcotics Bureau team up to inform public

Community gatherings focus on dangers of 'meth'

Images showing the effects of methamphetamine on the human body and the ease of creating meth using potentially lethal chemicals such as muriatic acid, lithium batteries and acetone were part of recent community meetings designed to address problems associated with the drug.

"Meth has been a big problem in Davis for a long time and programs like these may help our community finally fight back against this dangerous drug," said Davis resident Seth Hopkins.

In a new initiative, the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) are now teaming with community leaders in the fight against meth.

"Be a winner, stand your ground," is an anti-meth message that reaches out to communities and youth, within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, through community meetings and school assemblies.

Community meetings in Stonewall and Davis were big successes, drawing a large community support for the program and helping raise awareness of the meth abuse problems throughout Oklahoma.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to educate communities and children on meth addiction and the sale of meth, OBN

agent Travis Kirkpatrick said. "Community action will allow us to eradicate meth by raising awareness on steps communities can take to aid police in the enforcement of the law."

The goal of the program, is to inform the public about the dangers of meth abuse and the severe effects it has not only on the meth abuser but the community as a whole.

"We can't turn our heads on the problems in our communities any longer," said Tammy Hughes, Lighthorse Police Crime Analyst. "Meth affects our kids, community, and environment and touches our lives whether you have seen meth or not."

Meetings feature a video presentation showing the dangers of meth on the environment, deadly chemical compounds used to manufacture the drug, and the effects of meth use on the body.

Spokesmen from the OBN and Lighthorse Police were on hand to answer questions from the public on the video as members of the audience tried to find new ways on what they could personally do to help fight meth abuse.

Additional information was supplied to participants on the signs of meth abuse and tips on contacting law enforcement in their community when illegal drugs are present.

Highlighting the evening,

the Lighthorse Police K-9 unit conducted a demonstration allowing participants to see the effectiveness of drug sniffing dogs to search out and retrieve even the smallest amounts of illegal drugs.

K-9 dogs are used for many aspects of law enforcement including drug sniffing, bomb sniffing, and to apprehend suspects in a crime.

"Be a winner, stand your ground" has several events planned at area schools over the next few months to conduct similar seminars.

School assemblies are a large focus of this program allowing law enforcement officials the opportunity to reach school age children and stop the problem before it begins cycling through a younger generation.

The assemblies will allow youth to learn what meth is, how it's made, what it looks like, criminal punishments, and the dangerous effects meth can have on the body.

This gives law enforcement the ability to educate children before they are exposed to illegal drugs by peers or negative influences.

For more information about the anti-meth initiative or future community events, contact Tammy with the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-7213.

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Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officers Gary Dodd and Alyson Orr provide a demonstration during an anti-methamphetamine meeting in Davis, Okla.



Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics agent Travis Kirkpatrick narrates a video presentation during "Be a winner, stand your ground."



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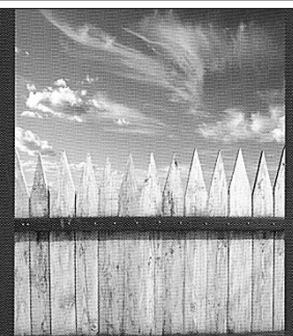
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U.S. Ag Secretary Vilsack visits Chickasaw Nutrition Center



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack discusses the Food Distribution Program with program manager, Roxanna Newsom.

PURCELL, Okla. - U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, visited the Chickasaw Nation Purcell Nutrition Services site on September 15 as part of President Obama's Rural Tour project.

Secretary Vilsack toured the Nutrition Center and met with tribal leaders from across the state to discuss issues relating to programs administered through partnerships with the tribes and USDA as well as solutions to challenges facing tribal communities.

"We are honored that Secretary Vilsack was able to visit our tribe and meet with tribal leaders from across Oklahoma," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby,

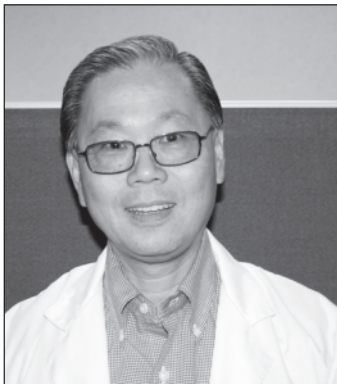
"By working together and understanding each other, we can all thrive and succeed. Together, we can accomplish great things."

Secretary Vilsack was appointed by President Obama and sworn in as the 30th Agriculture Secretary on January 21, 2009.

The Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program, WIC Program, SNAP-Ed Get Fresh! Program, Summer Food Service Program and Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs are all USDA Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services programs.

CONTRIBUTED BY Karissa Pickett, Public Affairs.

Carl Albert internist completes American Board of Internal Medicine recertification



Dr. Antonio Lee, M.D.

Antonio Lee, M.D., an internal medicine physician at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, has been recertified by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM).

ABIM certification process is a rigorous, comprehensive program for evaluating physician knowledge, skills and attitudes to assure patients that a physician has achieved a professional level of competence. The recertification process for internal medicine doctors takes almost two years to complete.

ABIM is an independent, not-for-profit organization that grants board certification to internists and subspecialists. An internal medicine physician, or internist, is specially trained to deal with a variety of illnesses and conditions including cancer and diseases of the heart, liver and kidney.

Dr. Lee first received ABIM certification in 1983 and was not required to recertify since he was his original certification was received under the old guidelines. However, Dr. Lee was motivated to undergo the process because he wanted to stay current with the latest developments in medical research and practice. This is the second time that he has voluntarily recertified with the ABIM.

"I believe that it is important to give my patients the most current treatment that is available," Dr. Lee said.

Dr. Lee graduated from the Medical Institute of Cebu City in the Philippines in 1972.

Following graduate study in New York, Dr. Lee started his own practice in Sulphur, Okla., with his wife, Hai-Chi, a registered nurse. Dr. Lee worked in Sulphur for 29 years before accepting a position as a staff physician with the Chickasaw Nation Health System in June 2008.

Dr. Lee has enjoyed his time at Carl Albert, especially working with the other physicians in the internal medicine department.

"The team has four doctors who are all very knowledgeable," Dr. Lee said. "We help each other out. I learn so much from everybody here. I wouldn't be able to find a better team anywhere."

Dr. Lee and his wife still live in Sulphur. They have two adult daughters, Jennifer and Teresa. Outside of work, Dr. Lee is active with his church and teaches Sunday school.

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Tobacco Cessation Classes are free

Tobacco cessation classes are available free of charge.

Class dates are October 5 and 19, and November 2 and 16.

Tobacco cessation classes offer basic information about tobacco, problem solving skills and social support.

Classes begin at 5:30 p.m. in the small

conference room at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The sessions are every two weeks for two months. The class time is one hour.

For more information, contact Christie Byars, tobacco cessation facilitator, behavioral health department at (580) 421-4591.

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What you need to know about H1N1 (swine) flu

What is 2009 H1N1 (swine flu)?

H1N1 (referred to as "swine flu" early on) is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. This virus is spreading from person-to-person, probably in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread. It has two genes from flu viruses that normally circulate in pigs in Europe and Asia and avian genes and human genes. Scientists call this a "quadruple reassortant" virus.

What are the signs and symptoms of this virus in people?

The symptoms of 2009 H1N1 flu virus in people include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Also, like seasonal flu, severe illnesses and deaths have occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus.

What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?

A 2009 H1N1 vaccine is currently in production and may be available to the public in the fall. As always, a vaccine will be available to protect against seasonal influenza. In addition, there are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respira-

tory illnesses like influenza.

Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. CDC recommends when washing your hands -- with soap and warm water -- that you wash for 15 to 20 seconds. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to seek medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick.

What should I do if I get sick?

If you live in areas where people have been identified with 2009 H1N1 flu and become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you should stay home and avoid contact with other

people. CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to seek medical care or for other necessities.

If you have severe illness or you are at high risk for flu complications, contact your health care provider or seek medical care. Your health care provider will determine whether flu testing or treatment is needed.

If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen

- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

If I have a family member at home who is sick with 2009 H1N1 flu, should I go to work?

Employees who are well but who have an ill family member at home with 2009 H1N1 flu can go to work as usual. These employees should monitor their health every day and take everyday precautions including washing their hands often with soap and water, especially after they cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. If they become ill, they should notify their supervisor and stay home. Employees who have an underlying medical condition or who are pregnant should call their health care provider for advice because they may need to receive influenza antiviral drugs to prevent illness.

For more information and continuing updates, please visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/, www.flu.gov or www.ok.gov/health.

The information above was provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Thursday, October 8, 2009 – Friday, October 9, 2009 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The flu shot clinic will be located in the main conference room at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF), 1001 N. Country Club in Ada.

In addition, Outpatient Pharmacy at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility will conduct continued flu shot clinics for those who were unable to attend during the provided times listed above.

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Monday, Oct. 26, 2009 from 10 a.m.

– 3 p.m.

The flu vaccine will be offered to all Native Americans.

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The Last Days of Meriwether Lewis Spent Among the Chickasaws

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Author's Note: Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were treated as national heroes after returning from their monumental expedition and study of portions of the Louisiana Territory and Pacific Northwest. Their round-trip expedition began in St. Louis in 1804, reached the Pacific Ocean near today's Chinook, Washington, 18 months later, and ended when they returned to St. Louis in 1806. Of the 29 members of the expedition, all but one returned; the single casualty succumbed to a ruptured appendix. Their accomplishments have been celebrated and commemorated since 2003, the bicentennial anniversary of the date when President Thomas Jefferson selected his secretary, Lewis, to plan, outfit, and lead the expedition known as the "Corps of Discovery."

Although they failed to accomplish one of Jefferson's top priorities—plotting the northwest passage, a water route from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean (because none exists), Lewis and Clark produced maps of this vast area, assessed its natural resources, sent back flora and fauna samples, and befriended (when they could) the inhabitants of the Indian nations that they passed through.

Although most people associate Meriwether Lewis with tribes such as the Mandan and Nez Perce from the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-1806, he was accompanied by Chickasaws on the final journey of his life in the fall of 1809—200 years ago this fall. At the time Lewis was traveling from St. Louis, the capital of the Louisiana Territory, through Chickasaw country. He carried with him his priceless journals, papers, and maps of the famous expedition, intending to take them to Philadelphia to prepare them for publication.

But even before this journey, Meriwether Lewis, 35, was observed to be a deeply troubled man. Following his earlier expedition, President Thomas Jefferson had rewarded Lewis by naming him governor of the Louisiana Territory; however, his administration had been wrought with difficulties. He had been drinking heavily and taking medicine containing opium for malaria attacks. Nonetheless, he had to go now. He wanted to visit former president Thomas Jefferson, who now, three years later, was impatient to see the story of the expedition published. On top of that, he had to defend himself and clear his good name in Washington, D.C., from accusations that he mismanaged federal funds.

Lewis was ill and periodically severely depressed while traveling in hot and humid weather on the Mississippi River from St. Louis. Twice his crew had to restrain him from committing suicide before they reached Chickasaw Bluffs (now Memphis, Tennessee) on September 15. Learning about this, the commander of Fort Pickering, located at the bluffs, placed the governor under a suicide watch and took possession of his papers to keep them safe until he could recover.

The name Chickasaw Bluffs is an obvious composite of the physical feature overlooking the great river and the tribe that historically controlled the river traffic from the bluffs. Eight years prior in 1801, Chickasaw chiefs met U.S. officials there and agreed to give the U.S. the right to build a road through their land (the Natchez Trace) in exchange for about \$700 in goods from a trading post, referred to as the "Chickasaw Factory."

It was located near an American fort built with the permission of Chickasaw Chief William Colbert (and

presumably, Chief Piomingo) in 1797. Its commander that year was Meriwether Lewis. The site of Fort Pickering also was close to two prehistoric Indian mounds (possibly ancestral Chickasaw mounds) that were hollowed out to store armaments during the Civil War. They still exist today, overlooking a broad river bend in a portion of Memphis ironically named Desoto Park. Why? After being routed by the Chickasaws in 1541, the tattered de Soto "conquistadors" may have wound up at the Bluffs.

After about a week at the fort, Lewis seemed to have recovered to some degree and resolved not to drink again. This was according to Major James Neelly, agent to the Chickasaw Nation, who had arrived there on September 18. Originally, Lewis's plan was to catch a boat at Chickasaw Bluffs and sail down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. From there he would sail around Florida and up the eastern coast of the United States. But because war between the United States and Britain was starting to seem possible, and British ships were patrolling the east coast and stopping and boarding American ships, Lewis changed his mind. As the late historian Stephen Ambrose wrote: "What the British would give to have those Journals [of the expedition]."

Change of Plans

Accordingly, Lewis opted to travel overland via the Natchez Trace through the Chickasaw Nation. On September 29, Lewis and his traveling party set off on horseback for the Chickasaw Agency, about 150 miles to the southeast, near today's Houston, Mississippi. Riding with Lewis was Neelly, the Chickasaw agent, who provided Lewis with a packhorse and the assistance of his own servant. Accompanying them were an Indian interpreter (possibly Malcolm McGee) and several Chickasaw men "wearing long feathers in their hair, tin breastplates in the shape of a crescent (gorgets) and large tin earrings," according to a contemporary observer.

They followed a narrow Indian trail through steep, wooded hills, and for the next four days, were lashed by occasionally violent thunderstorms. As usual from eyewitness accounts, the Chickasaws were not identified by name, and there is no record of the party's three- or four-day journey to the agency.

Had Neelly told the Chickasaws who Lewis was and that he had been, and probably still was, suicidal? Probably yes, for two reasons. First, Neelly was trying to keep this friend of former President Jefferson alive, and he needed all the help he could get. Second, as continental explorers and traders, the Chickasaws might have encountered some of the Great Plains tribes familiar to Lewis and Clark. It must have been hard for the Chickasaws to reconcile in their minds this so-called great man and friend of the president with the weak, sickly, nervous, and suicidal figure they now saw. According to Chickasaw friend and observer James Adair, Chickasaws equated suicide with shameful behavior. What had Lewis done that was so disgraceful? In the Chickasaw world, there weren't that many possibilities.

Looking at maps of Tennessee and Mississippi, one might wonder why the traveling party didn't take a more direct route from Chickasaw Bluffs to Nashville. The simple answer is there probably wasn't one, but beyond that, they needed to replenish supplies and connect to the Natchez Trace, which stretched north-east to their next destination, Nashville. So they took

the trails traveled by Chickasaws between Chickasaw Bluffs and the Chickasaw Agency (their supply depot) on the Natchez Trace.

The Chickasaw Agency

In 1809, the Agency had been in business for eight years. Historian James Atkinson writes that the house consisted of a 30-foot-long frame house, and separate houses for corn, potatoes, and meat. Also, there was a loom house, kitchen, and carpenter shop. In 1996, Atkinson took me to the site, and we walked over the ground looking for signs of that long-ago habitation. He pointed to an adjacent upward slope of a hillside, across a dry streambed from us, and said that had been where Chickasaw trader and interpreter Malcolm McGee had lived. Perhaps, Lewis had stayed with him.

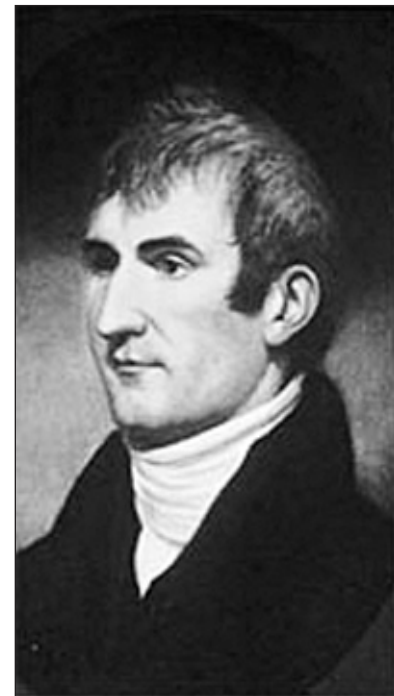
Upon arriving at the agency, Lewis was drinking again. As the fort's commander, Gilbert Russell, noted, "His resolution [never to drink again] left him." Neelly wrote Jefferson that Lewis "appeared at times deranged in mind." For example, although on one level he knew better, Lewis insisted to his companions that his best friend, Capt. William Clark, was coming to join them there. At times, Lewis seemed to "see" Clark riding toward him.

If Lewis seemed deranged to Neelly, what must the Chickasaws have thought? Some undoubtedly had seen people like him before and believed that they were under the spell of an evil spirit. They knew that unless the evil could be cast out by a *hopayi* (prophet and healer), there was no hope for a good outcome. Or, if the sufferer had committed a shameful act, he or she could be banished by the people, a fate in Chickasaw culture that was worse than death. Tribal members knew a *hopayi* could tell the difference and what needed to be done. However, there is no account of the two days spent by Lewis at the agency. Unfortunately, all we can do is wonder and imagine.

On October 6, Lewis, having recovered somewhat during the two days at the agency, set off for Nashville with his servant, John Pernier, Agent Neelly and his servant. As unlikely as it seems, apparently no Chickasaws accompanied them, or at least Neelly didn't mention them. Traveling on a road that was said to be about eight-feet-wide through dense woods, the party made good time—30 miles a day.

Chokkilissa

In about two days, they passed through Chokkilissa, a Chickasaw settlement formerly comprising



The Chickasaws who saw Meriwether Lewis on his last journey probably saw many expressions mirroring his severe depression.

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all the homeland population. It consisted of five or six villages from the late 1730s until the late 1790s, when the people began dispersing across the prairie, mainly starting small farms. A physician named Rush Nutt visited the area in 1805 and wrote that not more than eight or 10 families resided within the old fields (meaning the villages) of Chokkilissa. One of the families was Chief William Colbert's, who had returned to the area at or near Chokkilissa in 1805. Did the man who was honored by President George Washington for his service to America (Colbert) meet the man who worked for and was held in high esteem by President Jefferson (Lewis)? We have no way to know, but it is unlikely, given the fact that the depressed Lewis was probably incapable of social discourse.

While Chokkilissa's population was small, it was still regarded as the political and cultural capital of the Chickasaw Nation, and by 1816, two of the tribal land cession treaties to the United States would be signed there. Although all signs of the trace through Chokkilissa have been obliterated, we know from period maps that the trace ran along a portion of the bluff top overlooking today's Highway 78 from Memphis. There is a good view of it from the bluffs adjacent to the Tennessee Valley Authority building in northern Tupelo, Mississippi.

As he passed through Chokkilissa, Lewis would have seen good farm land and many prairies. He was traveling with a rifle, two pistols, a tomahawk, a dagger, a silver watch, and a cocked hat with a feather plume. Author Larry E. Morris wrote that the hat and feather combo would have aroused offers of trade from the Chickasaws along the way. Lewis had two packhorses carrying one trunk each full of clothing, many books and papers, and the 16 morocco-bound notebooks containing the bulk of the Lewis and Clark Expedition journals.

The traveling party passed by the stands (relatively primitive stores or inns) of two Colbert brothers, James and Levi, who were coming into prominence, and the stands of Old Factor and Levi Kemp. They must have spent nights at two of them because we know that on the third day (after leaving the Agency), they reached the Tennessee River, site of Colbert's Stand, an inn with sleeping quarters, kitchen, storehouse, stables and Colbert's Ferry. It was operated by Chief George Colbert, brother of William, Levi, and James, and, in effect, head chief of the tribe after the death of Piomingo in 1798. (I say "operated" because Chickasaws did not individually own tribal land.)

Chief George Colbert

Author Morris writes that Colbert charged white travelers steep prices for food, whiskey, and his ferry service. Morris quotes Rush Nutt as calling George Colbert "an artful designing man more for his own interest than that of his [Chickasaw] nation." While that allegation is still debated today by historians and especially Colbert descendants, it should be conceded that Nutt's opinion was filtered through a cultural bias. He also admits that George and his brother, Levi, charged Nutt "a very high price for corn and pumpkins produced at the Colbert plantation."

Colbert's steep prices applied as well to his ferry service. And for good reason; the water was wide. To reach the other side of the 500-yard-wide, swiftly moving Tennessee River, the Americans knew they could build their own flatboat or pay Colbert \$1 for each horse and rider, and 50 cents for each packhorse—not cheap in 1809. Given Lewis's condition, there was no choice at all. They paid. They crossed and parted company.

Thus, another chance meeting between two great men, Lewis and Colbert, went unrecorded. Consider the possibilities of that encounter, given Lewis's experience with Indian people and Colbert's lengthy tenure as a Chickasaw chief negotiating with British and then American leaders. Then factor in Lewis's mental illness, and it's a fertile tableau for a playwright or short story writer.

Nightfall at Grinder's Stand

Continuing their trek up the trace, they awoke on October 10 to discover that two packhorses got loose and were gone. Inexplicably, agent Neelly, whose sole responsibility was to prevent Lewis from hurting or killing himself, decided to look for the horses while Lewis went on without him. They agreed that Lewis should wait for him at the first stand outside of Chickasaw country.

Lewis set off alone and passed by three or four more presumably Chickasaw stands, Toscomby, Jackson, Young Factor, and McLish. On the trace, he likely encountered Indian traders, Indians, soldiers, and possibly families seeking new lives in the West. Anyone who met Lewis must have seen that something was wrong with him. Perhaps they inquired.

Lewis stopped for the night at the first inn in the state of Tennessee, Grinder's Stand, about 145 miles from the Chickasaw Agency. Without going into great detail, Meriwether Lewis spoke and acted bizarrely and erratically, and later that night apparently shot himself with his pistol, once in the head and once in the chest. There were no eyewitnesses, but according to Mrs. Grinder, Lewis, who was staying in a building

adjacent to Mrs. Grinder, came to her door, asking for water and help to heal his wounds. Horrified, she did nothing until the next morning, when she sent for the servant, Pernier.

The wounds were mortal, but Lewis did not die that night. He was repeatedly heard to say, "... so hard to die." Then, just as the sun was rising on October 11, he stopped breathing, and for the first time in weeks or months, Meriwether Lewis achieved the peace that had eluded him. He was 35 years old.

Afterword: I thank Baldwyn, Mississippi native and Chickasaw researcher Mitch Caver for the idea to write this article and for resource material he provided.

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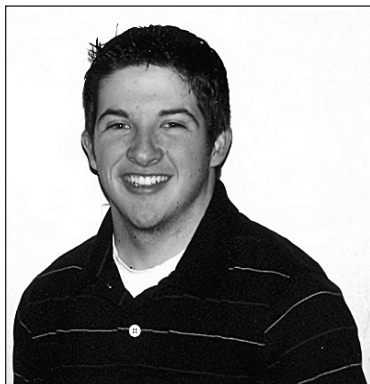
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Letter to editor

Boyhood friend recalls 'Wahoo' fondly

Thanks for the feature story on Wahoo McDaniel.

The article says that Wahoo, when he was 15 in 1954, predicted he would play fullback for the University of Oklahoma. My memory goes back even further than that.

In 1948-49, when we were 10, I played football with Wahoo in Lindsay, Okla., where my dad was the Methodist minister. Wahoo, who ran over all us, said he was going to play fullback for OU. I think most of us believed him.

One of my favorite television commercials featured Wahoo and one of his daughters. In about 1964, when he was playing for the Jets, Wahoo and

his daughter were shown eating at the breakfast table. The announcer said: "Who eats HO Oats? Wahoo, that's who."

Sincerely,
Pete Bowles
Brooklyn, NY

Editor's Note: The feature on the life of Chickasaw college and professional football player Edward "Wahoo" McDaniel was written by regular Times contributor Richard Green.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound participants (left to right): Taylor Eason, Morgana McDonald and ShiAnne Smith-Veach enjoying the Back 2 School Bash.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound kicks off new year with 'Back 2 School Bash'

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound kicked off the new school year with a "Back 2 School Bash" on Saturday, September 12.

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to complete as well as challenge the students to overcome obstacles.

Participants conquered sumo wrestling, jousting, boxing, a Velcro wall and a bungee run. They also enjoyed a cookout provided by Murray State College. The Bash events concluded with a dance at the Murray State College Ballroom.

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SEPTEMBER 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number GR26-074
Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.
Mr. Brian Campbell

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Brian Campbell will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2012.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR26-075
Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.
Mr. Neal McCaleb

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Neal McCaleb to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Neal McCaleb will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2012.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR26-076
Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.
Mr. Steve Woods

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Steve Woods to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Steve Woods will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2012.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Abstain: Steve Woods
General Resolution Number GR26-077
Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority - Ron Hartin

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Ron Hartin to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Hartin will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2012.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR26-078
Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority - Mike Talley
Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill

Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Mike Talley to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Talley was first appointed to the Board in 2003. This reappointment will be for a term of office which will end on October 1, 2012.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-079
Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
As amended
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 26-009
Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislature and Legislation)

Explanation: This resolution amends a section in Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that any

piece of proposed legislation will be given a number as well as assigned to an appropriate Committee for further review.

Presented By: Legislative Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

No votes: Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number PR26-010
Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Bail Bond Procedures Act)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 5, Chapter 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to establish bail bond procedures for the Chickasaw Nation District Court in order to assist the Judicial Department and the Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department in the more timely and efficient administration of justice. The bail bond schedule will be set forth by Chickasaw Nation District Court rule. Pursuant to these revisions to the Code, certain authorized designees shall have the authority to accept bail, in the form of a cashier's check or postal/commercial money order, on behalf of the Chickasaw District Court. Such authorized designees shall also accept as bail a guaranteed arrest bond certificate issued by a surety company, subject to certain conditions.

Presented by: Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

2008-2009 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat #	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat #	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat #
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2. Nancy Elliott 620 Ann Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-5485	2. Connie Barker 509 SW 7th Ave. Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-5420	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 421-9390	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods 4736 Chickasaw Trail Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Shana Tate Hammond 1606 Southern Hills Dr. Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 220-7361	<u>Panola District</u> Seat #
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409 bethalexander22@hotmail.com

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 21, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mike Watson, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Nancy Elliott, Dana Hudspeth, Shana Hammond, Jeff O'Dell

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 17, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the July 17, 2009 minutes

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2009 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Amended General Resolution Number GR26-071, Acknowledgment of Formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC

This resolution acknowledges the formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC by Global Gaming Solutions, LLC as a for profit limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Texas without sovereign immunity for the purpose of operating a horse racing track and casino in Grand Prairie, Texas. The company will not be immune from unconsented suit, liability, judgment and collection in Texas federal and state courts and shall be subject to Texas state law, the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts of Texas, and the jurisdiction, regulation and enforcement by the Texas Horse Racing Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR 26-071.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to amend the second resolution clause to read as follows: "Bet it further resolved, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature herewith agrees that the company is not immune from unconsented suit, liability, judgement and collection in federal courts and state courts of Texas, and the jurisdiction, regulation and enforcement by the Texas Horse Racing Commission." The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the amendment carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander questioned the term "acknowledges" instead of "approves" in the resolution. Legislative Counsel Robert Cheadle explained the Legislature was acknowledging the formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC, not approving its formation.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR 26-071 as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-071, as amended, carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR 26-072, Acknowledgment of Formation of Global Gaming RP, LLC

This resolution acknowledges the formation of Global Gaming RP, LLC by Global Gaming Solutions, LLC as a for profit limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Oklahoma without sovereign immunity for the purpose of operating a horse racing track and casino in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The company will not be immune from unconsented suit, liability, judgment and collection in Oklahoma federal state courts and shall be subject to Oklahoma state law, the jurisdiction of the federal courts and state courts of Oklahoma, and the jurisdiction, regulation and enforcement of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR 26-072.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to amend the seconded resolution clause to read as follows: "Be it further resolved, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature herewith agrees that the company is not immune from unconsented suit, liability, judgment and collection in federal courts and Oklahoma state courts and agrees that the company shall be subject to Oklahoma state law, the jurisdiction of federal courts and state courts of Oklahoma, and the jurisdiction, regulation and enforcement by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission." **The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.**

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the amendment carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken on the resolution as amended.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Member voting no: Beth Alexander

1 no votes

The motion to approve GR26-072, as amended, carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 26-069, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Chickasaw Cultural Center Phase III

The building is located on the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center site and will be part of the complete Chickasaw experience. The facility was originally designed to be a library with classrooms and office

spaces. The use of this facility has been expanded and will become a complete study center and repository to house all things historically Chickasaw. The facility will provide any individual or group with a single location to research and to learn every aspect of the history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation and its people. Access to information will be available on a microfilm, in its original written form and other technological forms of gathered information. Anyone wanting to review or study certain historical artifacts, whether it be for scholarly reasons, personal reasons or just curiosity, will be able to do so in this new facility. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Chickasaw Cultural Center Phase III, Project Number in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR 26-069.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-069 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-073, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2010

This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2010 in the amount of \$112,729,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-073.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Member voting no: Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR26-073 carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 26-066, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC (Matthew Morgan)

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Matthew Morgan to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation-owned Global Gaming Solutions. Mr. Morgan will fill a term which will end on March 1, 2011. Mr. Morgan is the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-066.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-066 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-068, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding for the Indian Reservation Roads Program

The U.S. Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Public Law 111-5. The law indicates that federal funding will be made available to create jobs and reinvest in American infra-

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structure. Tribes are eligible to contract for funding for Indian Reservation Roads projects.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-068.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-068 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 26-067, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract 1224 ½)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation, (Antero) of Denver, Colorado. Antero has agreed to compensation of a royalty rate of 25% on a negotiated oil and gas lease which has been in trespass. The Chickasaw Nation will receive 6.25% of the total royalties paid on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as ½ mineral interest in a tract of land containing five net acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-067.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-067 carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 14, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Katie Case

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

September 14, 2009

Present: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Education Committee

September 8, 2009

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Connie Barker

Finance Committee

September 14, 2009

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus,

Steve Woods, David Woerz, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Health Committee

September 8, 2009

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs

Absent: Connie Barker, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee

September 8, 2009

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Connie Barker, David Woerz

Legislative Committee

September 8, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert, Connie Barker, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 26-070, Utility Easement in Garvin County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Utility Easement granted to Rural Electric Cooperative for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would be located on the north side of the parking area located south of Washita Gaming (known as the Paoli Parking Tract). REC is replacing above ground electrical lines and placing the lines underground to prevent loss of service due to inclement weather. Allowing REC to replace above ground service lines with underground service lines would help ensure the Washita Gaming Center (Paoli Parking and Lagoon) would be able to remain open and in operation during inclement weather. This easement would provide REC with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement REC will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-070.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-070 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Alexander asked why PR26-008, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 3 Section 16-302 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Format for Resolutions), tabled in May Session, was not on the agenda. Mr. Cheadle explained why the resolution was not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding problems with a fax machine during the election, per capita payments, and holding Saturday sessions.

AGENDA ITEM #8 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Holly Easterling, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market home loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development (CNDHTD) can help you with the financing as well as the down payment and closing costs. Through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program, we offer Conventional, HUD 184, FHA and VA loans anywhere in the continental United States.

REFINANCING: Did you know CNDHTD can loan up to 90% of the appraised value on your home? Closing costs may be rolled into the loan, if the appraisal is high enough. Appraisal fee must be paid up front.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building? If you have been approved for your 30 year permanent financing through Chuka Chukmasi, CNDHTD can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. Interim construction is available only in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate is 5% and the term 6-9 months. During the construction phase, you will be required to make monthly interest payments on drawn borrowed funds. You will pay minimal closing costs on the construction loan at closing. Please call for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: Do you want to make needed improvements? CNDHTD may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is \$30,000.00. The interest rate is fixed at 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage on the home. Home must be your primary residence. You must pay closing costs at closing. This loan is available only in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a contractor. Call for additional details.

GRANT FUNDS: Do you need help with down payment and closing costs? Chickasaw citizens may receive up to \$3,000.00 to assist with down payment and/or closing costs when purchasing a home. You must be pre-approved thru the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program at CNDHTD for your financing. Refinances are not eligible to receive these funds. This is a one time grant. Call for more information.

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSING: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible to apply for the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program thru CNDHTD. You must be pre-approved for your permanent financing through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program. Employees may receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan.

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Johnny Mathew Baker



Johnny Mathew Baker died September 2, 2009 at Durant, Okla. Graveside services were Sept. 5 at Rosewood Cemetery, Achille, Okla., with Rev. Bob Stevens officiating. Burial followed in Rosewood Cemetery.

Mr. Baker was born Dec. 30, 1966 at Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Baker; and great-niece, Denise Baker.

He is survived by his mother, Susie Ann Baker Creech; a brother, Keith Baker; a nephew, Bryan Baker; and a host of loving friends and cousins.

Pall bearers were Keith Baker, Bryan Baker, Dwight Maxey, Gordon Armstrong, Eugene Stephens, and Timmy Gibby.

Woody Looney Bass

Graveside services for Woody Looney Bass, 74, were April 3, 2006 at Provence Cemetery. He died March 29, 2006.

Mr. Bass was born June 21, 1931 at Eastman, Okla., to Gerald and Lucille Boydston Bass.

He married Mary Frances Owen. His second wife was Rebecca Pearl Wilmoth and in 1974, he married his third wife Joyce Honeycutt, at Durant.

He worked as a professional carpet layer in the Midwest area of the country for more than 50 years. He loved to watch western movies.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, a sister, two grandsons; and a step-daughter.

He is survived by Woody Bass, Susie Burkett, Gabriel Bass, all of Ardmore, Okla., Paula Bass,

of Tryon, N.C., Woodey S. Bass, of Guthrie, Okla., a stepson, Franklin W. Bailey, of Silver City, Nev., Warren Sexton, of Ardmore; a brother, Rickey Parker, of Ardmore; a sister, Jackie Lynn Parker, of Lone Grove, Okla.; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Monte Susan "Susie" Burkett



Monte Susan "Susie" Burkett, 57, died March 5, 2009 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were March 10 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel with Jim Yeager officiating.

She was born Dec. 22, 1951 to Woody Bass and Mary (Owens) Bass at Los Angeles.

She married Randy Burkett in 1972 at Ardmore.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother and enjoyed music and people.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter, Dallas Merrill.

She is survived by a daughter, Brandy Lowden, of Alva, Okla.; three grandchildren, Cheyenne Burkett, Cody Burkett and Skyler Edwards, all of Ardmore; two great-grandchildren, Braxton Miles, of Ardmore, and Memphis Burkett, of Emporia, Kan.; three brothers, Woody Bass, Jr., and Gabby Bass, both of Ardmore, and Shawn Bass, of Guthrie, Okla.; a sister, Paula Bass, of Guthrie; and former son-on-law, David Lowden, of Ardmore.

Georgie Mae Greenwood Frazier

Services for Georgie Mae Greenwood Frazier, 53, Ada, were July 31, 2009 at the Chickasaw Community Center, the Rev. Steve Wall officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Family Cemetery near Fillmore, Okla.

Mrs. Frazier died Monday, July 27, 2009, at a local hospital. She was born July 12, 1956, at Ada to Virgil and Geraldine Factor Greenwood.

She attended Latta schools and graduated from Latta High School. She attended Bacone College for two years.

She married Kenneth Frazier on Sept. 1, 2000.

Mrs. Frazier was employed with the media relations department of the Chickasaw Nation until her retirement. She was a member of the Ada First Indian Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher. Mrs. Frazier was involved with pow wows and was a Southern Cloth Dancer. Among her accomplishments was her selection as a judge at the Gatherings of Nations Pow-Wow in Albuquerque, N.M. in 2004.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Frazier, of the home; two brothers, Leon Greenwood, of Ada, and Dewayne Greenwood, of Blanchard, Okla.; six sisters, Pat Greenwood Cox, and Lou Greenwood Boston, both of Ada, Evelyn Baptiste, of Newcastle, Okla., Carolyn Mendoza, of Oklahoma City, Linda Greenwood, of Pine Ridge, S.D., and Diane Catron, of Tishomingo; 26 nieces and nephews; 37 great-nieces and nephews; and two great-great-nieces.

Bearers were Chiefy Greenwood, Jimmy Dale Cox, Brad Duramus, Tony Choate and Andrew Underwood.

Bernie M. Goddard



Bernie M. Goddard, 63, of Warner, Okla., died March 23, 2009. Services were March 27, at the Hampton Memorial Chapel, Checotah, Okla., with Rev. Floyd Collins officiating.

Mrs. Goddard was born Sept. 14, 1945 to William and Mattie (Woodcock) Courtney.

She was active in and attended the Warner Assembly of God Church and was a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association since 1998. She was an ordained minister and a Choctaw language student.

She was a renowned artist and a skilled pianist, guitarist, bass player and has played for churches and anyone else who may have needed her music skills. She loved animals and especially loved being a wife and mother, having raised four children and doing whatever was necessary to make her marriage and family great.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Curtis; three brothers, Billy, Bennie and Bedford; and a sister, Betty.

She is survived by her husband, Lyle R. Goddard, Sr., of Warner; two sons, Byrdeen Bedford and Lyle Richard; a daughter, Kimberly Anne; a brother, Bernard Nelson Courtney; four sisters, Barbara Ellen Cunningham, Bobbie Berry, Bonnie Barnes, and Pearline Welch; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

John W. Harris



John W. Harris "Grandpa," died peacefully at his home at Phoenix, Ariz., August 29, 2009 after reaching his personal goal to celebrate his 100th birthday on August 7, 2009. He was born at Mill Creek, Okla., on August 9, 1909 to Mattie Lugenia (Bond) and William Cyrus Harris, whose grandfather was Cyrus Harris, former Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

In 1926 Mr. Harris drove his family from Oklahoma to Arizona in a Model T Ford touring car. He graduated from Phoenix Union High School in 1928. He retired in 1973 from the Phoenix Fire Department after 37 years at the rank of captain.

He was an avid animal lover. He had three dogs, rode horses until his 90's and rode his ATV until he was 99. He enjoyed fishing and traveling in the RV with his wife Agnes.

He was a Mason and DeMolay "Dad".

Mr. Harris was very proud of his Indian heritage and returned to Oklahoma as often as he could. While still living in Mill Creek, one of his school teachers came to live with the family for several years. Carl Kniffen became a life-long friend to Mr. Harris and visited him and his family until he could no longer travel.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Agnes Harris; a daughter Juanita K. Callahan; his parents; and three brothers, James Nelson Harris, Michael Bond Harris; and a son who died at birth.

He is survived by a daughter, Sandy Lawrence; three grandchildren, Carol Callahan, Connie Tapia and Mark Schabacker; and two great-grandsons, Michael and Kyle Tapia.

There are no plans for a tra-

ditional service. A "Celebration of Life" is planned at his home in Desert Hills on Nov. 14 for those who knew him. Please contact the family if you wish to attend. Remembrances may be made to Hospice of the Valley.

James Floyd Lewis



James Floyd "Jamie" Lewis, 27, of Stonewall, Okla., died Sept. 13, 2009 at Carl Alert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. Funeral services were Sept. 18, 2009, at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Okla., with Rev. Osborne Roberts officiating. Burial followed at Thomas Family Cemetery near Jesse, Okla.

He was born May 11, 1982, at Ada to Lloyd Kilcrease Sr. and Melissa Lewis Kilcrease.

Mr. Lewis was a lifelong resident of the Ada area. He worked for the Chickasaw Nation in the CDI Department as a maintenance technician supervisor. He also was a member of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troop.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James Floyd Lewis; paternal grandfather, Roman Kilcrease Sr.; and paternal grandmother, Lydia Kilcrease.

He is survived by his parents, Lloyd and Melissa Lewis Kilcrease Sr., of Ada; two brothers, Lloyd Kilcrease Jr. and his wife Maria Christina and Micco Kilcrease all of Ada; a sister, Maneetah Kilcrease, of Ada; maternal grandmother, Leo Belle "Perch" Thomas; a niece, Talina Kilcrease; and a nephew, Lloyd Kilcrease III.

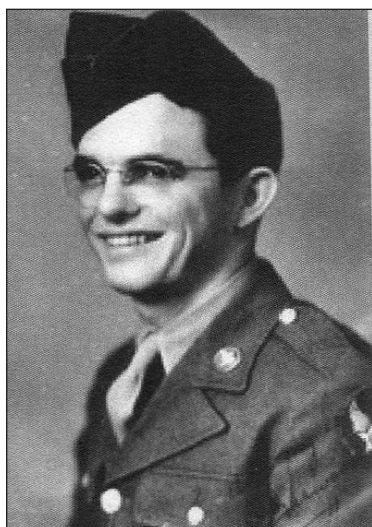
Bearers were Terry Stick, Trent Harry, Jesse Walton, Sam Thomas, Tim Deatherage, J.D.

Deatherage, Jonathan Johns, Jimmy Johns, and Kevin Stick.

Honorary bearers were Seth Bakken, Roman Kilcrease, Charles Folsom, Tony Lewis, Phillip Lewis, Mitchell Lewis, Jeff Lewis, Edison Seeley, Richy Huffman and the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troop.

Online guest books are available at www.phillipsfuneralservice.com and www.adaeveningnews.com.

Harwood D. Suggs



Harwood D. Suggs, 87, of Midwest City, Okla., died July 5, 2009. Services were July 8, 2009 at the Candlewood Chapel at Ford Funeral Service, Midwest City, with Pastor Greg Mikes officiating. Interment was in Sunny Lane Cemetery at Del City, Okla.

Mr. Stanley Smith and Mr. Luther John, Native Chickasaw Language Specialists from the Chickasaw Nation were honored guests at the service. They read a Chickasaw Prayer and sang "Amazing Grace" in the Chickasaw language and in English.

Mr. Suggs was born Jan. 19, 1922 to Homer and Esther Suggs at Cowlington, Okla.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He graduated from Tulsa University and enjoyed a successful career as a CPA, retiring from Tinker Air Force Base in 1984 as a systems accountant.

Mr. Suggs was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and his lineage includes his mother, the late Esther (DeArmon) Suggs; grandmother, the late Lautta Lee (Perry) DeArmon and great-grandfather, the late Albert Wesley Perry who was a deputy U.S. Marshall.

He loved his family, his country, coaching and the simple pleasures of life and adored his three grandsons, Zach, Ross and Derek. He was an avid sport enthusiast and one of Midwest City's biggest Bomber fans.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Zach Mulanax.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ida; daughter and son-in-law, Leigh and Randy Mulanax, of Midwest City; daughter and son-in-law, Liz and Chris Clark, of Norman; and a son, John Suggs, of Sapulpa, Okla.; his siblings, Evelyn Gore, Norma Hannah and Orel Suggs; Aunt Lorene Richison; grandsons, Ross and Derek Clark; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were John Suggs, Orel Suggs, Randy Mulanax, Chris Clark, Kevin Mulanax, Ross Clark and Derek Clark.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the Norman Veterans Center for their caring compassion and high quality of health care.

In loving memory of Johnny Lee Hilton

July 16, 1952 - October 12, 2008
Beloved brother, uncle, and friend

The Chain

We knew little that morning God was going to call you name,
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you the day God called you home
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide;
And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;
But as God calls us one by one THE CHAIN will link again.

We all love and always will miss you Uncle Johnny you mean everything to everyone you helped and knew. You touched a lot of lives and was loved by so many and you are still loved by all.

We love and miss you

Your nephew Benji Hilton as you call "Ben" and Ann Alexander as you call "Your Mariah"

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For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, contact Phyllis Avanzini at (580) 272-5508 or phyllis.avanzini@chickasaw.net

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